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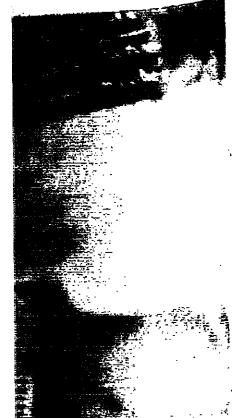
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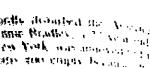
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Stare Down Each Other Orthodox Jews Swarm Jerusalem; Secularists ... Paransta Hold a Counter-Rally

By Lee Hockstader
Washington Past Service

The World's Daily Newspaper

The 2 Faces

Of Israel

JERUSALEM - Separated by a half-kilometer of pavement and a massive gulf of mutual suspicion, the two sides of Israel's great cultural divide - religious and secular Jews took their grievances to the streets Sunday in competing rallies of impressive size and startling contrasts.

On one end of Ben Zvi Avenue in Jerusalem, a huge crowd of rigorously Orthodox Jews stood swaying in public prayer: pious men in a massive sea of black hats, black robes and black skullcaps, strictly segregated by a stone wall from their equally devout, modestly dressed wives, mothers, sisters and daughters. The police estimated their numbers at 250,000.

On the other end of the avenue, the smaller but still sizable gathering of secular Jews could easily have passed for an American college campus demonstration, complete with pop songs and a hot-air balloon, hot dogs and popcom.

There were baseball caps and earnings and painter's pants for the men; bare midriffs and tight pants and basic black for the women. The police estimated their numbers in the tens of thousands.

Israelis debate the religious state of their nation. Page 4.

Politicians and pundits had wanted that the bitter antagonisms between the two sides, and the proximity of their protests, would turn the demonstrations into a powder keg primed to explode. The police were out in force on the ground and in belicopters to keep the peace.

Mindful of the dire predictions, each economy. side seemed intent on proving itself the more peace-loving, and except for some in New York, up from \$1.1228 on shouting and jostling, a stink bomb and the odd firecracker, all was calm. Thursday, but down from a high of

It was not exactly lovey-dovey, however. Furious at a series of recent Israeli Supreme Court decisions limiting their power and privileges, and by their treatment in the mainstream media, senior Orthodox rabbis convened the religious rally to vent their anger at what they regard as their systematic persecution by Israel's secular elite.

The court has lately handed down rulings ending a blanket exemption from army service for 28,000 Orthodox teenagers; permitting stores run by collective farms to operate on Saturday, the Jewish sabbath, and mandating that modern Reform and Conservative streams of Judaism be integrated into powerful local religious councils, until now the exclusive province of the Orthodox.

Now, in an especially sensitive case. pending before the court, the Orthodox fear that they may also lose their monoooly as the overseers of conversions to ludaism in Israel.

Many of the rigorously Orthodox said the high court meant to squash Judaism in Israel, and a few contended heatedly that secular Israelis were in fact anti-Semites. Nearly all objected to the idea that secular courts should delve into what devout Jews consider religious affairs. 'We want a Jewish state with a Jew-

ish character, based on the Torah and Torah values," said Yaacov Arram, 30, who is studying to be a rabbi. "What we're talking about here is secular co-

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Ultra-Orthodox Jews reciting a special prayer Sunday during their massive protest in the streets of Jerusalem.

and corporations that are eager to bor-

row in the new currency and thereby

claim a place in what they expect will

become a dynamic capital market

These borrowers have raised a total of

194 billion euro so far this year, and the

euro outdistanced the dollar to account

for more than half of all international

Significantly, the euro's relative weakness had not impeded the borrow-

ing boom because most of the bonds are

being sold to European investors, who

are now able to choose from a vast range

of credits while-staying in their do-

"So far, the currency price has dis-

appointed," said Jim O'Neill, currency

analyst at Goldman, Sachs & Co. in

London. But in terms of its potential to become a major reserve currency, "the euro's been a very successful thing so

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Euro Lags at Starting Gate but Bettors Don't Fret

Albright Brings Serbs **And Rebels Together**

Rivals Meet for First Time at Talks; Saturday Deadline Set for Accord

By Charles Trueheart

PARIS - Serbs and ethnic Albanians struggling over terms for a peace settlement in Kosovo met across a table on Sunday — for the first time in a week of negotiations — at the invitation of Secretary of State Madeleine Albright.

Mrs. Albright and her fellow foreign ministers in the six-nation Contact Group overseeing the week-old talks in Rambouillet, southwest of Paris, decided Sunday to extend the peace conference for another week, setting a firm deadline for noon Saturday.

Despite the procedural breakthrough by the 45-minute face-to-face meeting with four leaders from the two adversary delegations, Mrs. Albright and her counterparts said they could not yet be optimistic about closing a deal. Mrs. Albright, who later left Paris for

context of growing concern about Europe's weakening economy and at-

tacks on the ECB's position by the Ger-

The ECB appears to regard the mo-ment as a difficult and potentially crit-

ical one because it does not want to be

cast as a scapegoat for Europe's eco-

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Germany and France. At the same time,

it is trying to avoid the appearance of

vidual member countries.

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sense, the circumstances pointed to the

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But barely two months into its ex-

have its authority undermined by lower-

man and French finance ministers.

Mexico City to join President Bill Clinton on his state visit there, said she would not be able to report to him that the path to an agreement is clear or that

success is in sight."
The Contact Group foreign ministers continued to sharpen criticism for "slower progress than we had hoped"

Mrs. Albright referred to the "stubbornness" of the Belgrade delegation while praising the Kosovo delegation for seeing the proposed settlement as "a fair deal for Kosovo" and being all but ready to sign it at the conclusion of the conference.

She said there would be extension of the talks past the weekend.

Speaking as a former university professor, she said, "People who come in and ask for extensions before they do the work are not very well received.

The plan of the Contact Group made up of the United States, Britain, France, Italy, Germany and Russia calls for a three-year interim settlement with substantial autonomy for the Serbian province of 2 million, while stopping short of the Kosovar goal of in-dependence, which the United States and its Western allies oppose.

American officials said the Yugoslav delegation — as well as the visiting Serbian president, Milan Milutinovic, with whom Mr. Albright also met Sunday - continued to oppose any measures that might undermine Serbian sovereignty in the province or set Kosovo on the road to independence.

Mrs. Albright said she had sought to explain to them that Kosovo autonomy and Serbian sovereignty were not incompatible.

The Serbs were also adamantly refusing to countenance a NATO-led international military "implementation force" in Kosovo that is one key to the Albanian rebels' willingness to surrender their arms.

The rebels' year-old armed struggle against Serbian authorities has left about 2,000 dead and tens of thousands

'An agreement without a strong international presence is no agreement at

all," she said. Mr. Albright's comments and those of the French foreign minister, Hubert Vedrine, and the British foreign secretary, Robin Cook, underscored inter-

national impatience with Serbia. "I reminded both sides today that the Contact Group proposals were not put forward to provide opportunities for bickering and delay," Mrs. Albright said. "Rather, they are a road map for

She said that in her meeting with Mr. Milutinovic and in another session with the full Serbian delegation, she sought to impress upon them her familiarity with their country. A native of Czech-

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China Insists Hong Kong 'Rectify' Court's Ruling

Mixed Results Don't Meet Expectations

By Mark Landler

By Tom Buerkle

LONDON - Launched on a wave of

euphoria six weeks ago with hopes of

challenging the dollar's dominance in

the global economy, the euro has turned

in a mixed performance, weakened by

Europe but still showing a strong hint of

long-term potential.

The euro has drifted steadily lower

against the dollar, confounding wide-

spread predictions that its value would

strengthen as international investors

rushed to build holdings commensurate

with Euroland's share of the global

The euro closed at \$1.1296 on Friday

At the same time, however, the euro

has attracted a surge of interest from

governments, international institutions

\$1.1837 on Jan. 4.

renewed economic difficulties

HONG KONG - In an escalating legal dispute between Hong Kong and China, the Chinese government has told Hong Kong's top legal official that a landmark ruling on immigration by the high court here violated the territory's constitution and "should be rectified."

Speaking on her return from a meeting in Beijing, Justice Secretary Elsie Leung said officials had told her the ruling by the Court of Final Appeal was "contradictory to the principles in the constitution.

Late last month, the court ruled that children born in China to Hong Kong parents had a right to live in the territory. The decision opens the door to tens of thousands of Chinese residents, and it supersedes Chinese laws that make it very difficult for mainland people to move to Hong Kong.

Miss Leung did not say whether Beijing had formal plans to overturn the decision. But her remarks have deeply alarmed lawyers and pro-democracy leaders, who say the dispute with Beijing is a litmus test of Hong Kong's judicial independence since its return to Chinese rule 19 months ago.

"This sounds very bad for Hong Kong," said Margaret Ng, a lawyer and member of Hong Kong's legislature. "It seems like they are saying, 'We've heard your concerns, and we're going to

go ahead anyway.

Beijing has made no secret of its disapproval. Four Chinese legal scholars harshly criticized the ruling the week after it was announced, saying it was an attempt to place Hong Kong's courts above the National People's Congress. On Monday, a Chinese cabinet official said it violated the Basic Law, the con-

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Central Bank Worries About Currency

By John Vinocur

International Herald Tribuni

FRANKFURT — The European

Central Bank is expressing concern that

major European governments are un-

dermining confidence in the euro by suggesting they could loosen the budget

constraints of European Monetary Un-ion while continuing to turn their backs

If the new single currency has per-

formed with relative weakness since its

introduction six weeks ago, the bank

argues, it is no great wonder when it sees

governments giving what it describes as

permissive signals and acting as if they

would call the European Union's Sta-

bility and Growth Pact into question.

The pact limits deficit spending and

debt accumulation by the 11 countries in

conversation with the International Her-

ald Tribune at the weekend, came in the

The bank's viewpoint, made clear in a

on labor-market reform.

the euro zone.

Hong Kong's chief executive, Tung Chee-hwa, facing protesters Sunday. See ISRAEL, Page 4 Not Over Yet: Impeachment Debate to Echo in 2000 Campaign

Global Relief and Hope for Leadership

By William Drozdiak Washington Post Service

BERLIN — After watching in per-plexed amazement while Washington stood by transfixed by President Bill Clinton's impeachment trial, the rest of the world breathed a collective sigh of relief with the news of his acquittal and expressed the hope that he would now turn his attention to what it considered more important business.

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In Israel, Ehud Barak, the leader of

Much of the world never understood how the president of the world's superpower could find himself in such jeopardy over a sexual dalliance with a White House intern. As a result, they saw the closing chapter of his trial as a much-belated attempt by the American political system to come to its senses.

In Mexico, where Mr. Clinton was arriving Sunday evening to meet with President Ernesto Zedillo, commentators described the impeachment process as an absurd melodrama.

It was "incomprehensible" to the majority of Mexicans, observed the political analyst Sergio Sarmiento, that an intimate relationship would be converted into a political persecution." The Argentine writer Tomas Eloy

Martinez lamented the saga that led to Mr. Clinton's trial on charges of perjury and obstruction of justice as "a pathetic story" replete with "moral hypocrisy" and the "horror of the temptations of

the opposition Labor Party, who is try-ing to remove Prime Minister Benjamin

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As Bradley and Quayle Show, the Lines Are Already Drawn By Dan Balz

Washington Post Service WASHINGTON - Hours after the

Senate acquitted President Bill Clinton, Bill Bradley, a Democratic presidential candidate, issued a statement saying it was time to "move past the partisanship" of impeachment and begin to rebuild trust in the political system. Dan Quayle, the former vice president

Clinton's trip snubs opposition,

Mexican critics charge. Page 3.

• Politicians fear greater intrusion into private lives. Page 2.

who is campaigning for the Republican presidential nomination in New Hampshire, had a different take on the day's events. His statement said: "The fight for our values begins today." Those contrasting answers to the

question of "what next?" underscore precisely what a scandal-weary public may fear most — that the impeachment battle that ended in Congress on Friday will immediately shift to the arena of

peachment drama will shape the coming campaign in ways both obvious and unpredictable. As the Quayle and Bradley statements suggest, there will be intense competition among candidates and parties in the coming months to define the post-impeachment environment to their advantage.

"Bill Clinton's departure from office in 2001 will be greeted by a palpable sigh of relief," said Ross Baker, a professor of political science at Rutgers University, "This has been a white-knuckle presidency. The country's been put on the most challenging roller coaster. I think people are disinclined to go through those scary gyrations any more. It will influence the kind of person we choose in 2000."

Virtually every candidate contemplating a presidential campaign will now look in the mirror and see a possible answer for what the country wants after

President Clinton. Vice President Al Gore will see an Eagle Scout - a candidate both loyal and pure. Elizabeth Hanford Dole will see her gender as the perfect autidote to

There may be no escaping it. The the locker-room antics of the Clinton reverberations from the year-long im-White House. Governor George Bush of Texas will see an admittedly imperfect man who cleaned up his act and who governs in a bipartisan spirit. Steve Forbes will see a Washington outsider.

In the first hours after the Senate trial ended, strategists shaping battle plans for the presidential election in 2000 were cautious in their assessments of how the process will affect the campaign. But many of these strategists said that impeachment will shadow the candidates and the parties throughout the next 21 months, and there were some broad areas of agreement of where it

would be felt most. • Character, they said, will loom as a larger issue in the campaign of 2000 than it has since the post-Watergate election of 1976. But they said voters may be more tolerant of human frailty

· Public revulsion toward the inside-the-Beltway spectacle of the past year should enhance the appeal of can-didates from outside Washington, Disgust with partisanship could reward

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AGENDA

Iraq Warns Arabs Over U.S. Flights

BAGHDAD (Reuters) — Iraq told Kuwait and Saudi Arabia on Sunday to stop letting U.S. and British military aircraft use their bases to patrol the no-flight zone in southern Iraq and threatened to retaliate if they failed to do so. "You are now involved in an

aggressive war that the peoples of Saudi Arabia and Kuwait have no interest in, but America and Zion-ism do," said a statement issued after a meeting of top Iraqi officials led by President Saddam Hussein.

We are able to target sources and means of aggression, and from anywhere it is launched," the state-

Arms accord reported. Page 4.

U.S. Pilots Return After Heavy Fine

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Politicians Fear a New Wave of Relentless Digging Into Private Lives

By Richard L. Berke New York Times Service

WASHINGTON — The aftershocks of the impeachment of President Bill Clinton are already being felt by politicians, who fear that America is entering

at the local, state and national levels have expressed concern that the political climate wrought by the White House scandal has set the tone for a sullied discourse in the presidential and congressional elections next year. Already, there are examples of information that was once considered private potentially being injected into campaigns:

• Three possible Republican presidential candidates - former Vice President Dan Quayle, former Governor Lamar Alexander of Tennessee and seek the Republican nomination. Steve Governor George Bush of Texas - have Forbes, the millionaire publisher who felt obliged to declare publicly that they sought the presidency in 1996 and has

have been faithful to their wives. Influential conservatives have Bennett, the conservative author and the nation warning Republican presi-

answer his questions about their sexual Several politicians said what they viewed as an intensified intrusion into Cain's response: "Let me say that I am their private lives had led them to think responsible for the breakup of my first twice about running in the first place. marriage. I will not discuss or talk about Mr. Bush, for one, said worries about that any more than that." charges that might be made up about his

past, accurate or not, and the reper-

cussions for his family were weighing heavily on him as he decided whether to

vowed to raise, and keep alive, questions thrown at those who run. The president about candidates' private lives. William has defined the standard downward."

• It has become standard fare for reformer education secretary, is traveling porters, even from some major news organizations, to unapologetically quiz an era in which their private lives will dential prospects, "If adultery is part of draw more intense scrutiny resulting in more embarrassing disclosures than ever dential prospects, "If adultery is part of candidates about their sexual histories and possible use of drugs. In a recent erend Louis Sheldon, whose Traditional interview, Bernard Shaw of CNN told Values Coalition claims a membership Senator John McCain of Arizona, who is Dozens of candidates and strategists of 40,000 evangelical churches, said he seeking the Republican presidential the local, state and national levels would insist that presidential candidates nomination, "You had an affair during your first marriage," and then asked, "Should a politician's private acts be part of public discourse?" Mr. Mc-

> Candidates are already plotting how to contend with aggressive inquiries into their private lives. An outside adviser to Mr. Bush said he had suggested that the governor hire an opposition research team to ferret out any negative infor- sues. mation about him that opponents could

he had already hired such a researcher looked into the record that people would look into," he said.

• At the local level, politicians are undeterred about making an issue of elected officials' private lives. In Utah, the state attorney general, a Democrat, recently sent affidavits to the state's five Republican members of Congress asking them to attest under oath that they had been faithful to their spouses. The lawmakers refused to sign the pledge but publicly declared their marital fidelity.

In interviews across the country, politicians, strategists and academics denounced what they described as excessive attention to candidates' personal baggage and said it would discourage prospective candidates from running for office, further alienate the public from politics and make it even more difficult for candidates to discuss substantive is-

"The political culture has changed,

Wisconsin. "What is now dominating is led or would be so weary of the whole during his two runs for governor. "We winning at all costs. There are almost no issues that are off limits. There seem to be no real constraints on people's willingness to hurt somebody else. That goes for politicians and the press alike."

Dick Cheney, a former defense secretary and House member from Wyoming who decided not to seek the Republican presidential nomination four years ago, citing the toll it would take on his family, said campaigning now seemed even less appealing.

"There's a total loss of privacy that ses with being a candidate for public office these days," Mr. Cheney said.
"It's hard to watch what's happened with Clinton and not think it's gotten

Several politicians who are seeking the White House said they were wrestling with how to react to questions about their own private behavior and that of

said he will again in 2000, said: find But Mr. Bush, in an interview, said and so has the news culture," said Repmand of their candidates a more up"There's going to be a lot of muck such a move was unnecessary because resentative David Obey, Democrat of standing private life than Mr. Clinton has such a move was unnecessary because scandal culture that they would forgive politicians' transgressions, as they seem to have done with Mr. Clinton.

Some strategists warn, in fact, that candidates who declare their personal 'purity" could turn off voters by ap-

pearing too moralistic. In the campaign for the elections held last November, Gary Mueller, a Democrat who was challenging Representative Jerry Weller, Republican of Illinois, signed an "affidavit of integrity" in which he swore he had never had an extramarital affair, abused his wife, had, any homosexual encounters, experimented with illegal drugs or been charged with a felony.

But Mr. Mueller, who lost the election, was attacked from several quarters, including an editorial in The Chicago Sun-Times that described him as a "sanctimonious political opportunist their opponents. Politicians said they trying to impose a sexual code of con-were not sure whether voters would deduct on politics."

Acrimony or Accord?

Idealism in Public Belies a Political Gulf

By David E. Rosenbaum

New York Times Service WASHINGTON — The official word from President Bill Clinton and conimpeachment vote was that the time had

gether on important policy issues. built between Mr. Clinton and the Republican Congress.

Republicans were stung by the report last week that Mr. Clinton planned to my old coaching career, where we made seek political retribution in the next elections against those who impeached him

and tried to drive him from office. 'That doesn't sound like reconcililican leader. "That sounds like revenge and politics. Then he says, 'You can trust me on Social Security.' Yeah! Uh-huh!"

A top Republican legislative strategist, speaking on the condition of anonymity, said: "I don't think the president has any interest in achieving solutions in the next two years? ... ** 512...

Democratic House would be vindication for him, and that's what he will focus on," the strategist added, referring to Vice President Al Gore.

A White House official who also insisted on anonymity said that while some of the president's advisers thought he should seek compromises this year with Republicans on divisive issues like Social Security retirement benefits, Medicare health care for the elderly, taxes and education, many other advisers were arwait until after the next election, when they expect a stronger position.

'Bipartisan cooperation isn't the reflex response right now," the official

But for all the naysayers, another school of thought holds that it is to the advantage of both the president and the Republicans to strike compromises on the big issues so that both can rise above impeachment.

"The president's been badly damaged by this," said Representative Peter King, Republican of New York. "He has to be aware of that. We have to realize that we were badly hurt by impeachment and we have to show we're a governing

Paul Begala, the president's counselor, offered a similar view. Asked whether Mr. Clinton's efforts to promote a Democratic sweep in the 2000 elections would pose a risk to legislative compromise, he replied: "That's a false choice. Getting things done and prosper-

ing politically go hand in hand."

The political atmosphere in Congress may have been improved by the Re-

House and by a newfound camaraderie in the Senate. "At this point, we need to show we're not something to be scared of," Mr. King said, and Mr. Hastert, a from President Bill Clinton and con-gressional leaders in the aftermath of the coach, seems to fit that bill.

On CNN last week, in one of the first come to bury the hatchet and work to- interviews he has granted since he bether on important policy issues.

But out of camera range, many in the came speaker, Mr. Hastert contrasted himself with his bombastic predecessor, White House and the Capitol said Friday Newt Gingrich: "Newt was a visionthe bad blood was so pervasive, the ary," Mr. Hastert said. "He was arideological divisions so vast and the ticulate. He had his own ideas, and I political interests so disparate that they mean he was on TV a lot. My job is to doubted productive bridges could be make sure that we can put the right people in the spotlight to get the job

That's how I see this job."

On the other side of the Capitol, senation and progress to me," said Senator ators from both parties said that the long Trent Lott of Mississippi, the Repubbours they spent together during the hours they spent together during the impeachment trial could have positive effects. "This may actually help us work and spending legislation for the rest of together," Mr. Lott said. "What it has done is given us a renewed understand- were at such odds over taxes that for the ing of each other's problems and view- first time in 25 years, no budget plan was points. We have gotten to know each other better as people.'



The new speaker of the House of Representatives, Dennis Hastert, left, might lead to a more congenial political atmosphere after the impeachment trial. President Bill Clinton, center, has publicly pledged to cooperate with his Republican rivals. His remarks in private last week, however, have left many Republicans, including the Senate majority leader, Trent Lott, right, suspicious that the president is focused only on revenge. Both sides acknowledge that bitterness and deep ideological divisions remain.



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The first test of this will come in the next few weeks when lawmakers try to draft a budget blueprint to guide the tax

Tax policy, of course, is the most Beyond the question of whether Clin-fundamental dispute between Mr. Clinton and the Republicans in Congress ton and the Republicans. The president Electing Gore president and a overcome their hard feelings from im- wants a steep increase in the federal peachment and find legislative alliances cigarette tax that would more than offset is the matter of whether the Republicans a grab bag of small tax cuts he has can present a united front. In the House proposed to help taxpayers meet specific jority in the House.

large tax cuts, but there is no agreement traditionally Republican issues like balon how to apportion them.

John Kasich, chairman of the House Budget Committee, favors an immediate 10 percent reduction in income-tax rates. Another faction, headed by Senator Pete Domenici of New Mexico, chairman of the Budget Committee, would put the tax cuts into effect gradually as the pro-

jected budget surplus grew.
In addition, a band of moderate House Republicans led by Nancy Johnson of Connecticut favors less drastic reductions, and there may be enough support for this plan to deny Mr. Kasich a ma-

how to apportion them. anced budgets, crime control, welfare one faction, led by Representative reform and additional military spending. Tax policy is one of the few remaining areas where they think they can win DODRIJEL SUDDOLF

The other big issue of the year is Social Security. If the president and Congress can reach an accord, it would certainly be the biggest legislative accomplishment since the tax code was rewritten in 1986 and possibly the most important one since the days of the Great Society more than 30 years ago.

ripe this year. "I think the president really wants to save Social Security before he leaves," said Mr. Archer, a Texas Republican who plans to retire at the end of next year. "I really want to save Social Security before I leave, too, and I think we can do it.'

But neither the president nor Mr. Archer has expressed willingness to compromise, and the two sides are far apart. Republicans want to turn Social Security partly into a private program in which workers take some of the money they now pay in taxes and invest it in kets. Democrats fear that could result in Representative Bill Archer, the chair-unsophisticated workers losing a big man of the House Ways and Means part of their retirement savings to bear

Fined \$10 Million, American's Pilots Ease Off N.Y. Airports to Ration Own Traffic

DALLAS — American Airlines flight canguing that a better course would be to cellations were down to a quarter of the daily schedule Sunday as more pilots ended a protest following a \$10 million fine from a federal judge for ignoring a back-to-work order.

American, the world's second-largest airline in terms of annual passenger distances traveled, said 537 flights were grounded out of a schedule of 2,250.

This was down from daily peaks of more than 1,000 cancellations during the week that left nearly half a million passengers stranded or delayed ahead of a busy holiday weekend. But it would take time to get all flights going again. "It will take a couple of days for American to

get all of its flights reinstated," said Sonja Whitemon, an airline spokeswoman. A federal judge in Dallas first declared the job action illegal Wednesday and followed with a contempt ruling against the Allied Pilots As-

sociation on Saturday, a week after pilots began

the action by calling in sick, for not getting them back into the cockpits fast enough.

American said 1,147 of its 9,200 pilots were still on the sick rolls as of early Sunday, down several hundred from the day before and a drop from peaks over 2,400 on Thursday and Friday. On Saturday, it canceled more than one-third of its 2,250 scheduled flights.

Pilots started calling in sick and refusing publicans' election this year of Dennis overtime Feb. 6 in a campaign orchestrated by Hastert of Illinois as speaker of the union to protest the operation of a smaller overtime Feb. 6 in a campaign orchestrated by much American has lost in the dispute.

West Coast airline with pilots who are paid only

half what their counterparts at American earn. The union says the fact that American, which bought Reno Air in December, has kept Reno's 300 pilots at lower pay rather than promoting them immediately to American terms is a contract violation.

Many pilots have said that they were worried that if the union did not make a stand now, it would set a dangerous precedent if American acquired an even larger airline in the future. American, the flagship airline of Fort Worth-

based AMR Corp., said it was moving as quickly as possible to integrate the Reno pilots on American terms but that this must take place gradually over the next 18 months. Judge Joe Kendall of U.S. District Court,

asked by American to halt the job action, ruled the argument was a minor dispute and did not justify a job action that snarled major airports around the country before the Presidents Day holiday weekend. "This illegal sickout by the union has cost

untold millions of dollars in damages to hundreds of thousands of passengers and busi-nesses in this country," Judge Kendall said in his contempt ruling against the union. He levied a fine of \$10 million, or about a

quarter of the union's net assets, but said this was just a preliminary decision and might be raised after a hearing Wednesday to determine how American estimates that the job action has

cost it more than \$40 million. In his ruling, Judge Kendall said, "Unfortunately, the radical element that appears to be in control of the Allied Pilots Association seems determined to fly American Airlines into the side of the mountain, taking themselves, the company, their co-workers and their customers

Judge Kendall also found the union's president, Richard LaVoy, and its vice president, Brian Mayhew, to be in contempt, stating that they had acted only half-heartedly in telling pilots to end their action following his Wednesday order. He directed Mr. LaVoy to deposit \$10,000 with the court and Mr. Mayhew

After the judge's ruling Saturday, several union leaders emphasized that they were emphatically telling pilots to return to work. But other union members said the rank and file was debating how to respond, with some hard-liners suggesting that they continue their protest.

There is a split right now," said one pilot on the sick list, who spoke only on the condition that he not be identified. "Some hard-liners are saying stay the course. Others are saying it's time to go back to work to support the union but fight the battle in other ways."

Several pilots said they might support a fallback strategy, a refusal to work overtime - a move that would be less disruptive than calling in sick, but would still force American to cancel some scheduled flights. (Reuters, NYT)

TRAVEL UPDATE

NEW YORK (NYT) — For 30 years, the Federal Aviation Administration has rationed landing and takeoff slots to kee La Guardia and Kennedy Airports from being overwhelme by airplanes. But the Transportation Department, its pares agency, has proposed phasing out the limits over five years. Without them, and without new gates or runways, how wi those airports avoid chaos? The same way, the officials say, as the airports in Las Vegas, Long Beach, California; Pontiae, Michigan, and Memphis. All have airlines that have elected on their own to limit traffic to no more than the runways ca handle, officials say.

French authorities scaled back a ban on off-piste skiin and snowboarding in the Haute Savoie region following protests from resort operators Sunday. The ban, after 19 deaths in a week in the French Alps, is limited to five specific mountain passages.

This Week's Holidays

Banking and government offices may be closed or services curtailed in the following countries or political entities this week because of national and religious holidays: MONDAY: Aruba, Bolivia, Baszil, Ecuador, Hong Kong, Malaysia, Mauriti Panama, South Korea, Taiwan, United States, Uruguay, Venezuela, Vietnam, Vin

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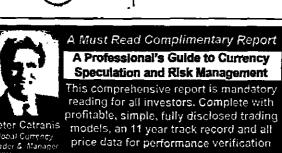
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Hungary Airdrops Food To Snowbound Villagers

BUDAPEST — Hungarian Army helicopters dropped food to scores of snowbound Hungarian villages Sunday, and border crossings to Ukraine were sealed on a fifth day of heavy

snow and high winds in Central and Eastern Europe. Three more deaths resulting from the severe winter weather were recorded Sunday, pushing Hungary's death toll to 19 since the storm began Wednesday. Eight deaths were reported over the weekend in Slovakia.

In the Czech Republic, a rescue team on Sunday found the bodies of three cross-country skiers who froze to death in the Giant Mountains of eastern Bohemia. The three had been missing since Friday.

Slovakia and the Czech Republic also called in their armies to clear roads and restore access over the weekend

In Hungary, authorities said 294 communities remained inaccessible by road. Szabolcs-Szannar-Bereg County in the east broke a century-old record Saturday with 68 centimeters (27 inches) of snow. With high winds, in places the snow piled up to more than 4 meters (13 feet). Thousands of policemen, soldiers and civil guards have been working since Wednesday to clear roads and help stranded drivers.

In addition to the helicopters, the army was using 200 armored vehicles to get supplies to villages and rescue people needing medical attention.

The snowfall broke century-old records in some parts of the country, but officials said the weather was turning better. In Warsaw, with three more cold-related deaths reported over the weekend, the death toll in Poland from subfreezing temperatures this winter rose to 202, almost four times as many as last year, the police said Sunday.

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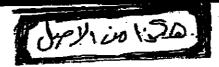
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THE AMERICAS

Critics in Mexico See Clinton Visit as Snubbing Opposition

By Sam Dillon New York Times Service

MEXICO CITY — President Bill Clinton has not scheduled a single meeting with opposition political leaders during his trip to Mexico, prompting charges that he is taking sides before Mexico's presidential elections in

. Instead, Mr. Clinton and President Ernesto Zedillo will be the guests in Merida, in the Yucatan Peninsula, of an authoritarian governor battling opposition attempts to impeach him, and they will be entertained at the bacienda of a wealthy banker who has profited from his ties to Mexico's governing party.

Mr. Clinton was to fly late Sunday afternoon to Merida before returning to Washington on Monday.

. The impression that Mr. Clinton's agenda was politically one-sided formed however, he made time for two 15-Washington showered praise on Interior leaders, breaking the United States' long ington to present a new anti-narcotics asked to travel to Merida to meet only erning party.

By Rick Weiss and Justin Gillis

Washington Post Service

ernment and scores of corporations are

scrambling to prevent a proposed in-

pernational agreement from sharply re-

more than 170 countries convene in

Cartagena, Colombia, to draw up final

the world's first accord to regulate the

Depending on how the agreement is

burgeoning biotechnology industry

Despite years of preparatory nego-

nations, however, philosophical differ-

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and many other countries that remain

i. Environmental groups see the pro-lposed agreement as their first oppor-

tunity to set ecological standards for

trade in gene-altered crops, livestock

- Yet many American companies -

wary of the biotechnology revolution.

Spread of manipulated organisms.

WASHINGTON — The U.S. gov-

U.S. Strives to Head Off Curbs

On Genetic-Altered Products

stricting the movement of hundreds of worded agreement goes through, grain billions of dollars worth of products could rot on docks, regulators could

subjected to genetic engineering, rang-freeze shipments of vaccines and other vital drugs, and trade in products as

The intense lobbying effort will cul- commonplace as corn oil and paper

language on the pact, which would be unregulated trade in gene-altered seeds,

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ralong with the governments of the strong signal of support for countries

minate this week as negotiators from could slow to a snail's pace.

world trade.

ing as the governing party's presidential

"It's a gross mistake not to pay at-tention to the opposition," said Enrique Krauze, a prominent Mexican historian, one of several independent intellectuals who criticized Mr. Clinton's agenda. "It's like visiting the czar in 1917, without thinking that there might be other

forces around," Clinton administration officials denied playing favorites and insisted that Mr. Clinton's visit should not be viewed as an insult to the opposition parties that control Congress and the Mexico City government

Mr. Clinton did not have time on this 24-hour trip to meet with everyone, they

During his two-day visit in May 1997, the week before last as top officials in minute encounters with opposition party

United States, Canada, Australia and others — are alarmed about draft lan-

guage that, they say, could undermine

the global economy and severely disrupt

others have warned that if a badly

vital drugs, and trade in products as

But diplomats from several other countries contend the greater risk is that

microbes, plants or animals will harm

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boom around it and put it back in."

American hopes that the accord will

ultimately favor less stringent trade rules

pean Parliament enacted new restric-

passed by the European Council of Min-

"You can't just go out there and put a

the environment and human health.

Former President Jimmy Carter and

Party, known as the PRI.

Juan Rebolledo Goot, Mexico's deputy foreign minister, said in an intalks on immigration, trade and other

At least two significant agreements could be signed, one providing for increased cross-border airline flights and another aimed at reducing the deaths of Mexican migrant workers, he said. But because the visit comes two

Congress on whether Mexico is a reliable partner in the drug war, talk of illegal drugs will probably dominate. "Despite all our efforts we never succeed in bringing attention to our huge and complex bilateral agenda because

weeks before Mr. Clinton must report to

we always end up focusing on narcotics," Mr. Rebolledo said.

Mr. Labastida recently visited Wash-

Minister Francisco Labastida Ochoa, tradition of unqualified backing for the plan. Mexican newspapers and political with a U.S. congressional delegation, who analysts say has Mr. Zedillo's back-governing Institutional Revolutionary cartoonists portrayed the visit as a but refused, Mr. Caldeton said. blatant campaign stunt.

Jorge Castaneda, a political scientist, said the warm reception of Mr. Labastida he said. terview that Mexico hoped to focus the has been interpreted in Mexico as an unofficial endorsement. "Whatever their intentions, Clinton administration officials placed themselves in the middle of the politics of Mexico's presidential

> don't have any opinion about who should be Mexico's next president," he said. "The idea that the reception Labastida got in Washington is some kind

> of political signal is just silly."
>
> But Felipe Calderon, president of the pro-business National Action Party, said that Clinton and Zedillo administration officials "ignored us completely." Sev-

Away From Politics

• It was an unhappy Valentine's Day for Ann Fair, a florist in Fayetteville, North Carolina. She was set for her

big day of the year until she found that burglars had stolen \$10,000 worth of roses, thurns and other flowers. (AP)

Police will issue hollow-point bullets to officers in New York City, Mayor Rudolph Giuliani said, citing concerns over public safety.

An armored car company employee was arrested in a \$1 million robbery in Detroit after one of the robbery victims recognized him on surveillance film as a co-work-

• Two former sheriff's deputies were indicted on civil

rights violations in the case of an inmate who died of a blow

to the head while in custody in South Bend, Indiana. (AP)

The Galileo spacecraft was operating normally again

after it went into a partial shutdown when its computer

became confused near Jupiter's moon Europa.

"They were going to be choreo-

graphed like extras on a PRI movie set," In Merida, the two presidents will be the guests of Yucatan's PRI governor, Victor Cervera Pacheco, from a hardline conservative group within the PRI

known as the dinosaurs. succession," Mr. Castaneda said.

Don Hamilton, a spokesman for the
U.S. Embassy in Mexico City, denied
any interference was intended. "We

Campaign officials for Vicente Fox, an opposition presidential candidate, said that Mr. Cervera had deployed Yucatan state police to destroy of discardate. 20 of Mr. Fox's campaign billboards in Merida, erasing all sign of opposition presence before Mr. Clinton's arrival.

On Monday, Mr. Zedillo and Mr. Clinton will meet at a hacienda owned by Roberto Hernandez, a banker who during Mexico's last presidential race catered a fund-raiser at which Mexican billionaires were each asked to donate 25 eral National Action senators were million pesos (\$2.5 million) to the gov-

any lasting consequences beyond the wretched Beltway," the novelist Ward Just said from Berlin. "Anything momentous has a mystery at its heart, and this episode has no

David Horowitz, a writer and president of the Center for the Study of Popular Culture in Los Angeles and a prominent conservative voice. said he thought "people are going to be less enthusiastic about probing questions and investigations about

POLITICAL NOTES

Signifying Nothing

LOS ANGELES - A highly ar-

bitrary and unscientific sampling of

writers, historians and critical

thinkers on both the left and right

revealed little certainty about the

impact on the United States of the

investigation into the president's re-

lationship with Monica Lewinsky.

that the whole affair amounted more

to an amplification of social and

political trends already under way

"I don't know that there will be

than a wholly new phenomenon,

But a rough consensus did emerge

Sound and Fury,

candidates' private lives."

By contrast, Douglas Brinkley, a liberal historian at the University of New Orleans, declared: "We've learned that character does matter.'

Nora Ephron, the screenwriter, said, "Will there ever be a husband anyone believes again?"

Quote/Unquote

Pat Conroy, the novelist, as the impeachment process ended: *Clinton was my all-time favorite president. I thought he was going to be the best president we ever had. I liked his character. I liked his message. I voted for him twice. I danced at his last inauguration. And now I think I was wrong. I think this has been one of the most shameful episodes in presidential history. And I think he's going to make Warren G. Harding look like a giant." Hunter Thompson, the writer: "It

was a witch-hunt from the start. I have always believed he was set up by Start and the FBI agents and the Jones lawyers. It has been a political war from the start. The rest of Clinton's term will be consumed with vengeance. People are going to pay for this. No writer, except a deeply perverse one, would come up with a story that is all villains and no heroes. It's hard to see any white hats. Even in Nixon's troubles, there were white hats."



TORIES CONFER — William Hague, right, leader • The sale of driver's license photos to a company that of Britain's Conservatives, meeting with Mayor wants them for an anti-fraud system used by businesses Rudolph Giuliani of New York during his U.S. visit. must go ahead, a South Carolina judge ruled.

pushing for more regulation at Cart-

These include the glue in many cardboards, the corn sweetener in soft drinks, much of the insulin that keeps diabetics were weakened Thursday as the Eurohealthy, many of the vaccines that protect children from deadly ailments and tions on genetically engineered seeds thousands of other products.

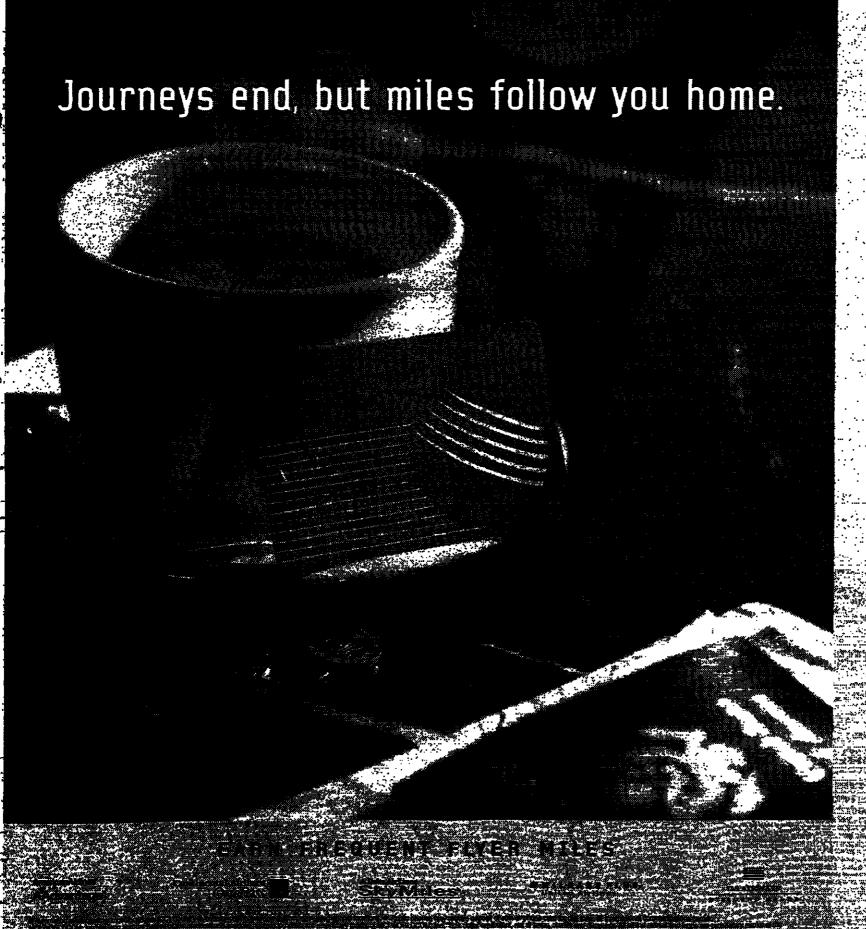
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The many U.S. government and inagena have no official standing in the weeklong talks because the U.S. Senate ological Diversity. President Bill Clinton signed the treaty in 1993, but linger-

States would have to abide by any trade isters before it becomes law, passage by the Parliament was seen by some as a strong signal of support for countries of s



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INTERNATIONAL

2 Parties Try To Put Aside **Acrimony of Clinton Case**

By Brian Knowlton rnanonal Herald Tribune

WASHINGTON — The White House, two days after the Senate acquitted President Bill Clinton, is ready to "put aside this matter" and move beyond impeachment, but senators of both parties warned Sunday that any attempt to exact revenge on Mr. Clinton's Republican foes would min any prospect for bipartisan cooperation.

Mr. Clinton's acquittal Friday cleared away the most immediate obstacle to the legislative progress, ending a bitterly damaging episode. Spokesmen for both sides offered each other olive branches tentative and conditional

The White House, appearing chastened by the 13-month ordeal, sought to emphasize the prospects for cooperation. "The public expect us both to work together," John Podesta, the White House chief of staff, said on

He said Mr. Clinton had spoken Saturday to the Republican leaders of Congress about Kosovo and hoped to meet with them soon to discuss areas for

legislative cooperation.
"The American people will expect us
to put aside this matter now that it's over and to have a constructive dialogue," he

Senator Don Nickles, the assistant Republican leader, echoed a comment Friday by the majority leader, Senator Trent Lott of Mississippi, that Mr. Clinton could not be trusted. He insisted, however, that Republicans were ready to move ahead.

'We need to work together," he said on ABC, "we must work together, and

Another ranking Republican, Senator Mitch McConnell of Kentucky, agreed that, "We don't trust him a lot," but added, "He's the president, we're going to try to work with him."

'It's time to move on," said Senator John McCain of Arizona. "My colleagues on both sides of the aisle share

Senators of both parties pointedly warned the White House against targeting Mr. Clinton's Republican detractors for electoral defeat. The New York Times had quoted White House aides as saying that Mr. Clinton would like to do so.

- "We just can't work well together if you know that they're mounting some kind of specific vengeance-minded program," Mr. McCain said.

An influential senior Democrat, Senator Daniel Patrick Moynihan of New York, was equally blunt. Asked whether ical activists in both parties, much the Mr. Clinton could avoid gloating, the same way abortion has for many years, that the hangover from impeachment will new character boundaries for candi- stung by scandal in his personal life. senator replied: "He has opportunities, and will intensify competition for con- be even more scrutiny than previously. dates. Both have admitted to mistakes but he will squander them if there is any trol of the House. Republicans face a note of vengeance." In that case, he difficult struggle to maintain their naradded, Mr. Clinton could "forget about row majority in that chamber.

At least two Republicans said that they hoped that Kenneth Starr, the independent counsel, would not seek Mr. ing the president would not be a great idea," Mr. McConnell said. The post-Watergate law that created the office of the independent counsel, he said, should be "ended, not amended" when it comes up for renewal in June.

Representative Henry Hyde of Illinois, who led the House prosecution activity by prospective presidential canteam during the Senate trial, also opposed indictment. "I would close that book," he said in an ABC interview. "I be appropriate.

Mr. Moynihan agreed, saying that the independent counsel statute had been "a liberal disaster." Mr. Podesta hinted strongly that Mr.

Clinton, who signed the bill last time it Mr. Podesta said. Meanwhile, neither Mr. Podesta nor

another White House spokesperson, Ann Lewis, would say whether Hillary Rodham Clinton had decided to seek a New York senatorial seat, but neither denied it. Both said she would win if she ran and would make "a great senator."

Mr. Podesta was asked about Mr. Clinton's reaction when he phoned the president Friday with the results of the Senate votes: "He didn't really emote, he didn't react," Mr. Podesta said. There was "some relief" but mainly a readiness to return to normal business.

Israelis Clashing in a Culture War Over Identity of the State

By Lee Hockstader ashington Post Service

field general in the culture war now consuming Israel. His telephone rings incessantly, aides seek his counsel every few minutes, and his thick Yiddish accent obscures much of what he says in English. Still, what does come through is clear enough: Where does Israel's secular Supreme Court get off telling Orthodox Jews how to run

"They're acting like a dictator," said Rabbi Porush, 82, deadly serious behind his wispy white beard and thick glasses. "It's a very dangerous

With a few other senior rabbis, Rabbi Porush, head of the Orthodox Association of Israel movement, organized the massive demonstration in Jerusalem on Sunday. The rally was called to protest what Israel's most observant Jews regard as the tyranny of the country's highest courts.

The courts have lately handed down a series of rulings sharply limiting the privileges, powers and smacks of theorracy and is tantamount to an perks of the Orthodox, some of them enshrined assault on Israeli civil society, law and order and

simmering culture war along one of the main fault JERUSALEM — Rabbi Menachem Porush is a lines of Israeli society — between a secular Jewish eld general in the culture war now consuming majority on the one side and a rigorously Orracl. His telephone rings incessantly, aides seek thodox minority on the other. The divide is so deep, and increasingly so bitter, that Prime Min-ister Benjamin Netanyahu and others have warned that it contains the seeds of a civil war.

The struggle casts a spotlight on the unsettled relations among religion, the state and society, as well as the identity of Israel itself — whether it is principally a secular democracy populated largely by Jews and governed by civil law or a Jewish state in which Halakha, or Jewish law, is deemed acrosanct in matters pertaining to the observant. The current conflict has focused on the Supreme

Court and its chief justice, Aharon Barak. For secular Jews here, which includes virtually all the mainstream press and much of the political establishment, the court is a touchstone of Israeli democracy, respected as the standard-bearer of law and justice. For them, an attack on the court smacks of theocracy and is tantamount to an Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin shortly before he was

since the infancy of the Jewish state a half-century the legitimacy of the state itself. The roost religious consider whether to bring criminal charges of inago. In so doing, they have stepped up a long-lews amount to just 10 percent of the Israeli citement against the rabbis. population, but to them the court is a bastion of godiessness whose rulings have trespassed into the religious domain.

The rabbis have been particularly incensed by recent rulings ending a blanket exemption from army service for 28,000 rigorously Orthodox teenagers and permitting stores run by collective farms to operate on Saturday, the Jewish sabbath. The Supreme Court justices are "evil, stubborn and rebellious," said Rabbi Ovadia Yosef, the sprittual leader of Shas, the largest religious political party. From his headquarters, Rabbi Porush has issued

what sounds like a call for holy war, criticizing the court and threatening an uprising if it persisted with "anti-Semitic decisions." His movement, Agudat Israel, or the Association of Israel, has printed hundreds of thousands of black-and-white posters demanding a halt to "the destruction of religion." Those words, and similar ones from other leading

rabbis, sparked an uproar in a society that re-members similar rhetorical attacks directed at nated in 1995. Prosecutors said they would

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The rabbis are also nervously awaiting a hear-

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ing before the court on a case that could break the Orthodox monopoly governing conversions to Judaism in Israel. The hearing will review a district court ruling in December ordering the Israeli government to recognize conversions to Judaism performed by Reform and Conservative rabbis.

To the Orthodox, Reform and Conservative

rabbis practice a faith that is not Judaism, so the notion that they could determine who is a Jew is deeply disturbing. "We accept the court as long as it deals with relations between man and man." Rabbi Porush said. "But when it deals with relations between man and God, that's different."

To some, the Israeli media and courts are the last remaining liberal bastions among leading institutions that have become more conservative and integrated with religion. "They feel they built the country and they own it, and that's a lot of the impetus behind today's culture conflict," said Jonathan Rosenblum, an Orthodox writer.

But secular voices are urging stiff resistance in the face of what they consider religious coercion.

ISRAEL: Factions Stage Protests

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ercion of religious Jews." For secular Israelis, who governed the country with little competition from their religious brethren until the late 1970s, the rise of Orthodox political power and budget subsidies has been cause for growing

Both have increased in the two-and-a-half years since Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu

came to power, analysts say.
What makes them particularly indignant is that Orthodox teenagers are exempted from the three years of army service required of nearly all other Israeli men. That and the state subsidies that allow many Orthodox not to work for a

living are galling to secular Israelis.
"I've had enough," said Susan Maltz, 55, who joined a busload of protesters who came to the secular "counterdemonstration" from near Tel Aviv. "This society is simply crumbling apart. The religious feel they know better than us.

"Basically, they don't work and feel they should be paid for because they're praying on our behalf. It only exists here because politicians give in to their cause because they want them in their coalitions."

The dispute is political dynamite, and all three major candidates for prime minister in the May 17 elections — Mr. Netanyahu; the Labor Party leader Ehud Barak and Yitzhak Mordechai of the emerging centrist party - stayed away from



Ultra-Orthodox Jews marching through a construction site Sunday during a protest against what they ordered their troops to lower their guns claim is religious persecution by Israel's Supreme Court. An estimated 250,000 joined the march.

2 Armies Trade Blows in Gaza

The Associated Press
KISUFIM JUNCTION, Gaza Strip—
Israeli and Palestinian troops faced off
with guns Sunday after coming to blows
at an Israeli roadblock.
Israeli Army troops parked a truck
across the Gaza Strip's main north-south
artery shortly before a Palestinian
protest against Israeli settlements in the

protest against Israeli settlements in the area was to take place. Palestinian security officers deman-

ded that the Israelis move the truck. After some time, several Israeli and Palestinian troops exchanged punches. Reporters watched as three Palestin-

ian policemen pointed their Kalashnikov rifles in the direction of two Israeli soldiers in the truck. One Palestinian policeman mounted the hood of the truck and aimed his gun at the windshield. Another tried to open the door.

Each side, numbering about 40, de-ployed troops, guns raised, to the sur-rounding fields.

During the face-off, 250 Palestinian protesters arrived at the crossroad, hoisting a banner saying, "No peace with settlements."

After about 30 minutes, senior com-

CAMPAIGN: Impeachment Arguments to Get a Second Wind Until the 2000 Elections

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those candidates who avoid negative attacks and focus on the future.

• Impeachment will energize ideolog-

History shows how quickly the political climate can change in a presidential campaign cycle. The deep recession of Clinton's criminal indictment. "Indict-ing the president would not be a great in America" in 1984 that re-elected Ronald Reagan in a landslide. National pride over the Gulf War victory in 1991 gave way to national anxiety over the economy in 1992 and brought Mr. Clin-

has not registered at all with the public. complicated than in the past. That is about to change. And despite the American people's professed weariness with the examination of politicians' per- ator John McCain, Republican of Arisonal lives, many strategists anticipate zona, may be among the first to test the though the vice president has not been

stage for the most intensive, intrusive and 30s, Mr. McCain to marital infireview of candidates' private lives that delity that broke up his first marriage — people," a line reminiscent of the theme we've ever seen," said Tom Rath, an but have refused to talk in detail about Jimmy Carter used during his 1976 camadviser to Lamar Alexander, a former their private lives. Tennessee governor. "We're going to 1982 that produced Democratic midtern know a lot more about what these guys intrusive questions. During a recent indid in high school than any of us want to A Republican pollster, Whit Ayres,

said a recent survey he did among Iowa Marijuana? Cocaine?' Republicans showed that character was the most important factor likely to influence their vote for president, while

Despite an extraordinary amount of impeachment was well down the list. But Mr. Ayres cautioned that voters'

didates in the past year, Campaign 2000 definition of character may be more Governor Bush (who said he has not

made a decision about running) and Sen-

Still, there appears to be no escaping terview with a television station in Manchester, New Hampshire, Mr. Bush was asked, "Have you ever used drugs?

"I'm not going to talk about what I did as a child," he replied. "It is irrelevant what I did 20 to 30 years ago. What's relevant is that I have learned from any mistakes I had.'

Many Republicans argue that, despite the public's desire not to see President Clinton removed from office, there will be a backlash against his presidency that could hurt Mr. Gore in 2000 — even

deserve "a government worthy of its paign after Watergate when he called for a government "as good as the people."

Mr. Quayle plans to be even more direct. Kyle McSlarrow, chairman of Mr. Quayle's campaign, said the former vice president would make values like "honor, integrity and responsibility" as central to the presidential campaign debate as Social Security and education. Mr. Quayle also plans to criticize Mr. Gore's decision to stand by President Clinton throughout the impeachment process.

REACTION: Much Relief Abroad

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Netanyahu in May elections, wrote to Mr. Clinton, applanding the Senate vote and saying he believed it would enable even more scrutiny than previously. dates. Both have admitted to mistakes— Elizabeth Dole, speaking in New the president to concentrate on other "Unfortunately this probably sets the Mr. Bush to heavy drinking in his 20s Hampshire last week, said Americans matters, such as reviving the Middle East peace process.

Across Africa, the scandal managed to intrude into people's lives even though many were facing more serious matters, such as a simmering war between Eritrea and Ethiopia.

In the Eritrean capital, Asmara, people expressed amazement that a political crisis that grew out of private acts could obsess the United States for more than a year.

"It was in everybody's face," said Sarah Bereket, 20. "Believe me, people are tired of hearing about it."
Others said they hoped that Mr. Clin-

ton would be able to focus on more pressing issues, such as border skirmishes on their continent. "The presidency is much more than

what Mr. Clinton has gone through,' said Solomon Abraha, a travel agent. European governments refrained from public comment on Mr. Clinton's acquittal "As we have said all along, this has

been a matter for the American Senate," said a spokesman for Prime Minister Tony Blair of Britain. Newspapers felt no such constraints.

"Thank goodness it is all over," observed the lead editorial in The Independent.

It went on to describe Mr. Clinton as "a shamed president" but expressed admiration for his Houdini-like ability to survive what once seemed like an impossible plight.

Much of the political coverage of Mr.

Clinton's impeachment trial split along partisan lines in Britain, and the denovement in the Senate was no dif-

A headline in The Mirror lambasted the "Randy Sinner's Cheap Lies," and an accompanying column concluded that "Bill Clinton emerges from this somy saga with zero credibility."

Other British newspapers suggested that Mr. Clinton's reputation had suffered such serious damage that it could hamper his ability to conduct for-eign policy in his last two years in of-

In Germany, newspaper editorials savored the irony that the biggest losers in the scandal involving Mr. Clinton's relationship with Monica Lewinsky might turn out to be the president's most zealous political enemies.

The conservative daily Die Welt observed that the Republicans had inflicted a humiliating moral defeat on themselves by persisting in pushing the impeachment process despite an overwhelming desire by the American public to drop the case.

"The highest price will be paid in any case by the Republicans," said the lead editorial in Die Tagespiegel.

"Those who broke ranks will be deemed traitors to the party," the editorial read, "and those who voted guilty will be seen as traitors to the American

book," he said in an ABC interview. "I think indicting the president would not KOSOVO: Serbs and Rebels Meet For First Time

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oslovakia, she spoke of childhood time in Belgrade, the Serbian capital, and even sang them a Serbian lullaby her father had sung to her. came up, was now prone to let it die.

'It's virtually hopeless to try to fix it without some major, major revisions,"

NATO has threatened air strikes against Serbian military positions if a deal is not struck at Rambouillet, and Mrs. Albright stressed that the Rambouillet, and Mrs. Albright stressed that the threat "remains real."

■ Clinton Promises to Send Troops

James Bennet of The New York Times reported from Washington:

President Clinton announced over the weekend that he would send nearly 4,000 troops to Kosovo to defend the "national interest" as part of a NATO peacekeeping force, provided the ethnic Albanians and Serbs strike a peace deal. "America has a national interest in achieving this

peace," Mr. Clinton said. "If the conflict persists, there likely will be a tremendous loss of life and a massive refugee crisis in the middle of Europe." The parties have made little progress in their demilitarization of the insurgents."

talks. But in the event of an agreement, the Clinton administration and its European allies want to have a force ready to move swiftly into the area.

Mr. Clinton argued that the prospect of U.S. participation in the NATO force would give "both sides the confidence to lay down their arms."

He insisted that the NATO mission, which is expected to include 28,000 troops, "be well-defined, with a clear and realistic strategy to

allow us to bring our forces home when their work

The administration has been consulting with members of Congress to obtain their support for the mission, but has taken the position that it does not need formal congressional approval to send

troops.

The president said that he would not send troops unless the Serbs and Kosovo Albanians agreed to the force and demonstrated that they would carry out the peace agreement. That agreement, he said, "must provide for an immediate cease-fire, rapid withdrawal of most Serbian security forces, and



Secretary of State Albright with Foreign Minister Hubert Vedrine of France at a news conference Sunday.

Fatal Police Fire in Russia Focuses Fury on Gangs

By Daniel Williams Washington Post Service

SAMARA, Russia — In a nation where few major crimes are solved, what people believe to have happened after a violent incident frequently tells more about life than the official versions.

A case in point is the reaction to an explosive fire Wednesday that destroyed a regional police headquarters in this Volga city, killing at least 60 people, according to officials, and wiping out the city's criminal archives.

Officials said that arson was a possibility but that an accident was as likely a cause. No one seems to believe that. Many people in Samara think arson was the cause. Their response is a testament to the grip of crime.

"How can people be convinced otherwise?" asked Yelena Pustotina, an expert on gang crime. "They see criminals everywhere. They see that none are punished. They don't believe the police. Why should they? The authorities are always saying they are cracking down on crime, and nothing

Thousands of citizens and police colleagues filed by 20 coffins laid out in a hockey arena. The coffins contained recovered and identified bodies. At least could put up only two ladders beside the building 40 more people were burned beyond recognition, crushed and charred in the rubble, and have not help. Some jumped to their death. been identified, Interior Minister Sergei Stepashin

Somber music from police bands filled the arena and a long line of gray-clad officers kept vigil at the coffins, draped in red and black.

Mr. Stepashin pledged that the "fight against bandits will continue." His presence indicated the scale of the disaster but also a determination to of an inland community of prospering Volga citinvestigate the fire and to find the cause.

'Let no one hope that criminals in Samara or other parts of the region will be able to flee," be

In Russia, plane crashes, fires, the collapse of ruble's collapse, the closi buildings and other disasters frequently reveal vast of an inflationary spiral. weaknesses in public services, and the Samara fire is no exception. Water pressure was so low that water from the

"We are thinking, if this police station in the middle of our city can be destroyed, where is there safety?" a retired firefighter said.

On Saturday, this sad and skeptical Volga River fire trucks' hoses could not reach above the third industrial city mourned the victims of the fire. floor of the five-story building, said Alexander floor of the five-story building, said Alexander

> Trapped people waved frantically and screamed for While the inferno, which began at 6 P.M., roared, extra trucks were summoned from nearby cities.

> But they didn't arrive until four hours later. The fire dealt a blow to the confidence of the city's 1.5 million inhabitants. For the last few years, Samara has regarded itself as a vanguard of the new democratic and capitalist Russia and as the capital

> It privatized business, encouraged farming with cheap credits and welcomed foreign investment. The period of euphoria ended in August with the ruble's collapse, the closing of banks and the start

British Paper Says Russia Signs Iraqi Arms Accords Reuters

LONDON — The Sunday Telegraph newspaper reported that Russia had signed arms deals with Iraq worth more than £100 million in a blatant breach of the United Nations arms

Quoting unidentified diplomatic sources in Moscow, the newspaper said Russia had agreed to upgrade and overhanl Iraq's squadrons of aging MiG jet fighters and to restore Iraq's defenses to combat readiness. It said the deals were signed in Moscow in

January after a visit by the Iraqi deputy prime minister, Tareq Aziz. Speaking Sunday in France at the Kosovo peace talk, the Russian foreign minister, Igor Ivanov, denied the report, saying that Russia was abiding strictly by its commitments on UN

resolutions concerning Iraq.
The British Foreign Office said it would investigate the report by The Sunday Telegraph. "We take seriously all allegations of breaches of UN sanctions against Iraq and we will look into this," a spokesman said.

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Welsh Contest Splits Blair's Party

Battle Over Leadership Goes to Heart of Policy on Autonomy

By Tom Buerkle

CWMBRAN, Wales — These should be glory days for Tony Blair's Labour

Since narrowly winning a referendam to establish a Welsh Assembly 17 months ago, the party has seen its lock on Weish politics grow only stronger. Labour today appears certain to win a large majority in elections for the new assembly in May.

But the race to lead the Labour majority, which pits a populist and char-lismatic party veteran against a polished proving Welsh life and strengthening the insider hand-picked by Mr. Blair, risks splitting the party before it can savor its

By David Hoffman

geni Primakov, facing Russia's restive

political and financial elite, has insisted

that the ailing President Boris Yeltsin be

widespread criticism that he is no longer

Mr. Yeltsin's term runs until summer

successors and renewed calls for him to cow.

2000, but his long absences because of

step down to make way for early elec-

If Mr. Yeltsin resigned, Mr. Primakov

would become acting president under the constitution and elections would be

should step down before his constitu-

tional term expires," Mr. Primakov told

influential Council on Foreign and De-

fense Policy, a private, elite group of

politicians, analysts, scholars and busi-

the normal running of the elections, so

that all the conditions can be created for

His comments were significant be-

cause some council members prepared a

discussion paper, debated behind closed

doors, suggesting that Mr. Yeltsin's leadership has become so weak that he is

the elections," Mr. Primakov said.

Mr. Yeltsin should remain in office

for the sake of stability in Russia, for date

reporters at a meeting on Saturday of the

held within three months.

allowed to complete his term despite

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MOSCOW - Prime Minister Yev-

'For Sake of Stability,' President Should Stay

illness in recent months have set off an cluding another major presidential con-intense scramble among his would-be tender, Mayor Yuri Luzhkov of Mos-

"I oppose the idea that the president agreement with the International Mon-

devolution and cede real autonomy to the assembly, a new Scottish Parliament and a London mayor.

"It's about what goes to the heart of devolution," Rhodri Morgan, the populist candidate, said in an interview. 'It's about whether the unitary British state, with all its pomp and circumstance, really is willing to let go."

Mr. Morgan unabashedly proclaims himself "the people's choice." He vows

proving Welsh life and strengthening the self-confidence of the Welsh people, who lack the independent history and sense of national identity of the Scots. Even more important, the leadership He also suggests the assembly could

dragging down the Russian state. The

paper was drafted by a working group

Kremlin is waning rapidly and says Mr. Yeltsin is to blame. The paper calls for him to step down for health reasons,

followed by early elections. It suggests

that Mr. Primakov lead a coalition in-

However, Mr. Karaganov said later

that the council had not adopted this

approach in its closed debate, the In-

etary Fund. Russia owes the fund about \$4.5 billion this year from loans that it

which would basically involve loans to

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Mr. Primakov said Russia cannot meet

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After recent talks on a new program,

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and chairman of the council.

contest poses the question of whether institute major changes in school cur-Mr. Blair's government is willing to ricula, health service and housing fulfill its ambitious agenda of political policies, prime areas of responsibility now decided in London.

"If we want to be more radical, we

can be more radical," he said. By contrast, radical is not a word often associated with Alun Michael, the current secretary of state for Wales in the national cabinet and Mr. Blair's clear choice to lead the assembly.

At a debate before Labour members in this southeast Welsh town, Mr. Michael stressed competence rather than inspiration, telling the andience how he cut his teeth as a young member of the Cardiff City Council by getting the buses to run

on time.
'I believe that the most important thing is to get things done," he said.
"You need a vision, but you need to get

things done."
Mr. Michael bristles at the accusation that he is merely "Tony's man." But he has campaigned with Mr. Blair at his side three times in recent weeks, and Primakov Defends Yeltsin suggests that he simply outperformed Mr. Morgan when both were working alongside Mr. Blair during Labour's op-position years. "He's seen both of us in action," he said.

For all the verbal sparring, there is coordinated by Sergei Karaganov, little in their records to suggest any deputy director of the Institute of Europe major policy divide between Mr. Mormajor policy divide between Mr. Mor-gan and Mr. Michael. The real difference Among other things, the discussion is in style and trust, no small matter in a sper concludes that the power of the country where personalities dominate and ideological divides on issues like welfare reform have narrowed to the point of oblivion.

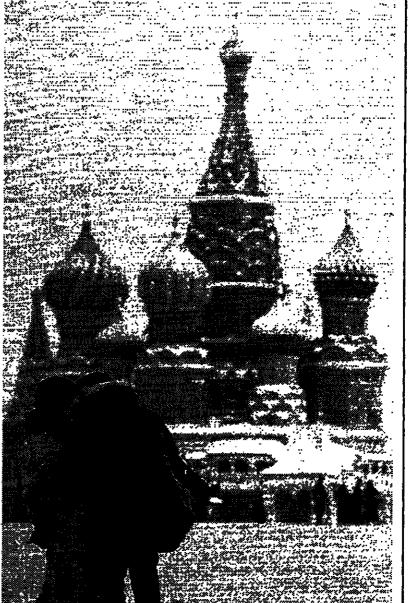
Mr. Morgan, with his wit, independent streak and slightly rumpled appearance, is regarded as a loose cannon, according to the murmurings among La-bour insiders. Mr. Michael is the proverbial safe pair of hands, an effective team player whose neat attire and carefully spoken phrases mark him as a New

Mr. Primakov also told the council that he was optimistic about reaching handicap. While the Welsh have been slow to wake up to devolution, they are warming to the prospect of autonomy and disgruntled at the idea of having their leader in London and having important issues for them decided there.

"We need to be able to say no in Wales, and I don't think Alun will," said Russia large enough to allow it to pay back the debt due this year, an IMF Pat Smail, a director of the local health authority.

Whether popular opinion will be decisive is far from clear. It is a telling the IMF," Mr. Primakov said. "The irony that a party that broke from the control of trade unions and embraced market reforms under Mr. Blair's rallying cry of "one member, one vote," is resorting to old Labour tactics in the IMF's demands for a bigger budget. Wales.

surplus. The leadership will be decided by an sof legitimacy.



FOR RUSSIA WITH LOVE - A young Russian couple kissing in Red Square near the St. Basil Cathedral on Sunday. Valentine's Day is a relatively recent Western import but has now been widely adopted.

electoral college in which party leaders and unions each control one-third of the vote, and Mr. Michael is expected to grab the lion's share. The electricians union, the region's biggest, threw all of for the job. Ken Livingstone was arits support to Mr. Michael without balloting members, while the main publicsector union, the only one to hold a ballot, went for Mr. Morgan by a margin

ability to win as much as 75 percent of votes from party members in a postal ballot next week, which is not inconceivable. The winner will be announced Saturday. Even if Mr. Morgan loses, a large score could rob a Michael victory which really matters, which is Tony

of more than 2-to-1.

the one man who polls say is a shoo-in guably former Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher's biggest opponent as leader of the Greater London Council in the 1980s. Although viewed as unreliable by aides to Mr. Blair, he has launched a Mr. Morgan's hopes depend on his public campaign and vowed not to use city hall to undermine the Labour gov-

ernment in Parliament. "This is my campaign to be allowed" to run, Mr. Livingstone said last week. "It is aimed at changing the one vote

BRIEFLY

Modern Air Defenses For New NATO States

WARSAW — Poland, Hungary and the Czech Republic are unveiling new air-surveillance systems, a key step before they become NATO members next month that will provide the alliance with real-time pictures of all military and civilian air traffic in Central Europe.

"This is a major occasion," Ambas-sador Daniel Fried of the United States said Sunday at the opening of Poland's

Air Sovereignty Operations Center.
Hungary opened a facility Monday.
The Czech Republic will follow this week. The system, which replaces Warsaw Pact-era equipment, is being expanded to include other countries that have applied to join the North Atlantic Treaty Organization. Romania opened a similar facility Wednesday. In the next two years, Slovenia, Slovakia, Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia will join the system. officials said. (WP)

Russian Arms Maker Calm on Cyprus Shift

MOSCOW — Russia's main arms exporter, Rosvooruzheniye, sees no problems altering its contract with Cyprus to redirect anti-aircraft missiles to the Greek island of Crete, the Interfax news agency said Sunday.

Greek and Cypriot officials agreed on

the change this month after warnings from Turkey, which supports a breakaway state in northern Cyprus, that it would not allow the Russian-made S-300 system to be installed on the other side of that divided island.

"We, as a state company, see no problems," the Rosvooruzheniye head, Grigori Rapota, told Interfax. "We only have to re-register some of the clauses of the contract. We do not expect any financial losses. The deal is working we fulfill our part, the Cypriots fulfill

ducting a screening process apparently designed with the sole aim of stopping the one man who polls control to the one man who polls For Asylum in Europe

ANKARA — Fearing for his safety, a fugitive Kurdish rebel leader, Abdullah Ocalan, has made a plea to European governments to grant him exile.

In a statement to the Germany-based pro-Kurdish news agency DEM late Saturday, Mr. Ocalan, who left Italy recently, said his concern was "urgent."

Mr. Ocalan did not indicate where he was or why he thought his life was in danger. He said Turkey was attempting to turn "the genocide against my people into a plot against my person."

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By David Lamb Los Angeles Times Service

BANGKOK — The economic crash in Southeast Asia has given a boost to the region's democracy movements, as more people dare criticize their governments and demand political reform as well as greater respect for human

For a region whose governments often have been willing to sacrifice the personal liberties of their people for economic advancement, the drumbeat of dissenting voices is a notable shift from traditional acquiescence to authority. It also is coming from unlikely

In Singapore, which is in recession after years of booming growth, Chee for years - criticizing policies that, he small says, limit free speech and personal free-

went on trial last Tuesday for making a of the economy, the Nobel Peace Prize tion. Today the situation is abundantly

ishing a seven-day jail sentence on sim- attempts to silence her.

In impoverished Vietnam, Tran Do, 75, a lauded revolutionary and retired general, has released statements calling for free elections and the abandonment of socialism. He has been kicked out of the Communist Party

but not put in prison, as ANALYSIS he almost certainly would have been a few years ago in a country where dissent is

still considered a form of treason.

In Indonesia, a pro-democracy strdent crusade was formed last year stunned the government last fall with protests. In Burma, where a generation The 36-year-old U.S.-trained scientist of military rule has led to a near-collapse

Human rights activists contend that, in varying ways, these demands for political reform are rooted in economics. When times were good, governments could — and did — maintain that individual freedoms had to take a back seat if the single-minded march toward prosperity was to be sustained. The economic meltdown — which began here with the collapse of the Thai currency in July 1997 — released simmering polit-

"The economic crisis has caused tremendous pain, but there has been a posaround complaints of economic mis- itive spinoff: It has given a lot of momanagement and forced President mentum to democracy and human Suharto to resign in May after 32 years in rights," said Somchai Homlaor, sec-Soon Juan is doing what no one has done power. In recession-gripped Malaysia, a retary-general of the Bangkok-based "people power" movement Asian Forum for Human Rights.

ical tensions.

In the past, Mr. Homlaor noted, emments didn't have to explain themselves and people had no right to ques-

speech in public without a police permit. winner Daw Aung San Suu Kyi agitates clear. Politics and economics cannot be July are leading to a resumption of in-He was back in court the day after fin- for democracy, defying the generals' separate. They are indivisible and they ternational aid. In Thailand, the ecohave to develop at the same time."

With foreign donors increasingly tying aid to political reform and free elections, political analysts say Southeast Asia's governments, except Burma's in- emphasis on human rights. tractable military regime, have become more susceptible to international pressure. Governments have responded in a myriad of ways.

Vietnam has released more than 5,000 prisoners since last spring, most were common criminals, but 11 were prominent dissidents. Singapore in November lifted restrictions on Chai Thye Poh, who spent 32 years in various forms of incarceration and detention as a suspected communist. President B.J. Habibie of Indonesia announced the release of 42 political prisoners and said he would do away with the hated antisubversion law that permits imprisonment without trial.

Elections are scheduled this year in Indonesia. Elections in Cambodia last

nomic crisis resulted in a change of governments in November 1997 and the military is lessening its role in politics.A new Thai Constitution places increased

President Joseph Estrada of the Philippines has gained regional credibility for championing human rights. The rea-son: The Philippines has Southeast

Asia's most fully developed democracy and has escaped the melidown in better economic shape than its nondemocratic neighbors - a clear result of cause and effect, Mr. Estrada says.

For the 10 nations of Southeast Asia. democracy is often seen as a risky proposition that could threaten stability

Because the region is so ethnically and religiously diverse, the doubters say, too much agitation for group and individual rights could lead to chaos, This argument holds that the well-being of the community is more important than the unhindered freedom of the individual.

seemed afraid that East Timor would be "a new burden" on Aus-

JAKARTA — The opposition leader Megawati Sukarnoputri officially inaugurated the party Sunday that she hopes will carry her into office as Indonesia's next presi-

BRIEFLY

Jakarta Vows Time

For Timor Changes

JAKARTA — Indonesia will allow a "reasonable period of transition" if the people of East Timor vote for independence, a close ad-

viser to President B. J. Habibie was

being as irresponsible as Portugal,

which left East Timor in the lurch

years ago," Indonesia's state Ant-

ara news agency quoted the adviser,

In an interview in Canberra, Miss

Anwar said she conveyed that mes-

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minister, Alexander Downer. Miss

Anwar said Australian officials had

Megawati Opens Her Campaign

Dewi Fortuna Anwar, as saying.

'We don't want to be accused of

quoted Sunday as saying. . .

Mrs. Megawati, the daughter of Indonesia's founding leader, President Sukarno, told about 120,000 supporters at a stadium rally here to be ready for elections scheduled for June 7.

She leads a breakaway faction of the Indonesian Democratic Party, known as PDI Struggle, after being ousted from the PDI in 1996 in a maneuver backed by former President Suharto.

For the Record

Legislators from Pakistan and India, ending a bilateral conference in Islamabad, Pakistan, called for talks to end 51 years of bitterness and hostility between the two countries in a statement issued Satur-

A second general has openly-criticized Vietnam's governing Communist Party, attacking it for corruption and lack of democracy in an open letter. Lieutenant General Pham Hong Son said leaders had strayed from the path of their na-tional hero, Ho Chi Minh, with their opulent lifestyles and "do not deserve" to lead the country (AP)

and Akbussahunged over an em-bankinent 3 meters (10 feet) high in the southwestern Chinese city of Chongqing, killing at least 30 people and injuring 14, an official newspaper reported. (AP)

they will handle our right of abode," said a spokeswoman for the protesters.

A group of more than 50 sympathizers of the mainlanders cause marched through Hong Kong on Sunday to central government offices in a show of



the whereabouts of Osama bin Laden. the Saudi dissident and suspected terrorist, remained a mystery. The Taleban supreme leader said Mr.

bin Laden, who left with 10 of his guards, had not been forced out of Af-'We had not ordered Osama to leave Afghanistan and had advised him not to use Afghanistan against other countries," Mullah Omar said. "Now Osama

where he has gone. The Taleban leader spoke at a rare news conference broadcast on Taleban

has disappeared, and we do not know

"Had we handed over Osama to anybody, it would have been a black blemish on the history of Afghans," he said. "It would have been against the dignity, tradition and Islamic brotherhood if we had submitted Osama to anyone."

On Saturday, the Islamic militia announced that the man accused by the United States of killing more than 200 people in bomb attacks on its embassies in Kenya and Tanzania last August had

killed and 43 injured when fresh clashes

crupted Sunday between Christians and

Muslims in Indonesia's troubled eastern

in Pelauw, the capital of Haruku Island.

Speaking by phone from neighboring Ambon Island, the local journalist said

the death toll at 13.

The state news agency, Antara,

province of Maluku, the police said.

bin Laden and the Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan. He was not forced to

Regional media reports said Mr. bin Laden had been sighted on Afghanistan's border with Iran, and there was speculation that he might have been trav-

eling on the way to Iraq.
Mr. bin Laden had lived in Afghanistan
since 1996. Earlier, he was a member of the mujahidin guerrillas who fought Soviet occupation of the country until the Soviets pulled out 10 years ago.

Early last week, the Taleban rejected

U.S. demands that it hand over or expel the Sandi-born dissident. The United States fired cruise mis-

siles at eastern Afghanistan on Aug. 21 to try to knock out suspected terrorist camps believed to be run by Mr. bin Laden, who was unhurt in the attack.

But in an apparent attempt to deflect Western anger, the Taleban said last week that it had cut off his satellite phone and radio communications and was screening his visitors. It also said that he tries. had been placed under the guard of a The Saudi millionaire dropped out of special team to monitor his movements.

Death Toll Put at 13 in Riots in Eastern Indonesia



Osama bin Laden, accused in the bombing of two U.S. embassies in Africa, speaking to reporters in the mountains of Afghanistan in December.

ulate on how Mr. bin Laden might have Laden out of Afghanistan. slipped away from the monitoring squad. They also declined to say whether they were now searching for Mr. bin Laden, who was thought to have been living in Kandahar with his wives and family, along with radical Muslim followers from Arab and South Asian coun-

Last week, Washington officials said the United States had reserved the right

Taleban officials declined to spec- to use military force to bring Mr. bin

A statement Saturday from the Naofficers had a good idea where Mr. bin Laden was, "I can't comment on what we know

about his current whereabouts for intelligence reasons," Mr. Crowley said. "We do monitor his activities very closely to the extent that we can."

Speculation that Mr. bin Laden might be interested in sanctuary in had mounted after reports that a former brach of ficial had been seen in Kandahar in recent weeks. Britain's Guardian newspaper said there had been contacts between Mr. bin Laden and Baghdad's ambassador to Turkey, Faruq Hijazi, a high-ranking intelligence official, in the mountains near Kandahar. President Saddam Hussein of Iraq has offered "There could be more victims, as asylum to Mr. bin Laden, who has ex-

pressed support for Iraq. Tehran on Sunday denied reports that Mr. bin Laden had moved to Iran. Claims by a Pakistani intelligence ofthe Iranian border were "irresponsible"

IMMIGRANTS: China Wants Change

Continued from Page 1 stitution that has governed Hong Kong

since it reverted from British rule. But this is the first time Beijing has officially alerted Hong Kong's government to its desire to change the ruling. Miss Leung was sent to Beijing by Tung Chee-hwa, the chief executive of Hong Kong, to discuss the jurisdiction of Hong Kong's courts and the implications of

Lawyers here said that if Beijing overturned the decision, it would ignite a constitutional crisis. Under the agreement between Britain and China known as "one country, two systems"

Hong Kong is supposed to be a semiautonomous region within China, with its own legal system.

Legal experts said the Court of Final Appeal had tested that principle by as-serting that China could not pass rules that contradicted Hong Kong's Basic

The Basic Law had guaranteed restional Security Council spokesman P. J. idency to mainland Chinese children of Crowley hinted that U.S. intelligence Hong Kong parents. But after the hand-Hong Kong parents. But after the hand-over, the Beijing-appointed legislature here passed new laws making it tougher for mainland Chinese to move to Hong

Miss Lenng said she had told the Chinese officials that people in Hong Kong feared that if Beijing mishandled this case, it would sow doubts about the rule of law in this feel market basiness She said the officials liad told her they would "take into consideration "the prosperity and stability of Hong

Kong."
"Since this is a problem within one country, they are confident that the matter will be resolved satisfactorily," Miss Leung said.

To some people, that seemed an om-inous sign that Hong Kong would bow to from Hong Kong. "We will sit here until Beijing rather than fight for its judicial the government gives us a reply on how

independence. ■ Protesters Seek Rights

More than 200 mainland Chinese con-Sunday following the court ruling granting them the right of abode in Hong

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most of the 13 had died from gunshot violence was quelled. Antara reported JAKARTA — At least 13 people were wounds when police and soldiers, obey- that at least six of the wounded had been. ing shoot-on-sight orders for riots, moved from the health center in Pelauw

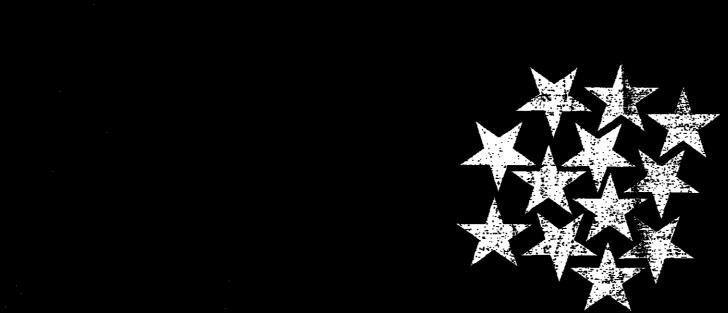
opened fire to quell the violence. eight of the dead were from the mainly ferred to a hospital in central Maluku. Muslim village of Pelauw, three were quoted a spokesman for a riot-control from the village of Kailolo, which also is casualties were still being calculated," coordinating center as saying that seven predominantly Muslim, and two were the news agency quoted the head of the bodies had been taken to a health center from the Christian village of Kariuw.

A further 43 people were wounded as saying. The official confirmed that 30 But a journalist, citing local police, put stop mobs from attacking houses Sunday situation was under control. The local

to a hospital on neighboring Ambon He said the police had reported that Island and that others had been trans-

Haruku Island subdistrict, Suwardi Koli, when police officers and troops tried to houses had been burned but said the ficer that Mr. bin Laden had been seen on morning, the journalist said. He said 30 reporter said troops were guarding and "regrettable," a Foreign Ministry houses in Kariuw were burned before the neighboring villages. spokesman said. (AFP, Reuters, AP)

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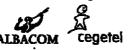
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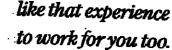




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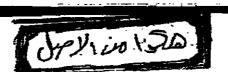


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MASSAWA, Eritrea — In Ethiopia's capital, the inscrutable war it is waging with Eritrea is occasionally explained in a the personalization of the conflict. Ethiopia, he said, "has changed in quito is back."

That refers to the insect that bit the Eritrean president, Issaias Afwerki, early in 1994, infecting him with malaria that almost killed him. It was a parin Ethiopia seriously propose that a junior officers captured in fighting early lingering aftereffect provides the answer last week. Mr. Issaias said he interview the abiding question: Why are these viewed the officers personally. two countries at war?

the Horn of Africa neighbors that were friendly until recently. Thousands more wait in trenches on either side of the most intensely disputed sections of the 950-kilometer (600-mile) strip.

But what began last May as a skirmish over maps and exploded into war in June shows signs of becoming something more, Mr. Issaias said. Ethiopia maintains that land is its only priority, but Mr. Issaias said that Ethiopia is fighting because it would like to see a different government in Eritrea, the tiny country that until 1993 was an Ethiopian

That claim was denied again over the

Mr. Issaias is "trying to mobilize the Eritrean people behind him, because the people of Eritrea are not happy about the border issue," said Yemane Kidane, a senior official in the Ethiopian Foreign Ministry. "We've made it crystal clear that we are concerned only with our

Any change in government, Mr. Yemane added, "is the responsibility of the Eritrean people."

The Eritrean people seem disinclined to take up the gauntlet. "We believe in Issaias, as a god," said

Hassan Salch, at a café in this port city. Mr. Issaias "is the George Washington of Eritrea," said a diplomat stationed in Asmara, the Eritrean capital.

tranian. He loves seeing the reaction of people when he says something that's outrageous. "There is no challenge to this man. He is have brought them their freedom and from his perspective." sovereignty. He's responsible for the

country, as far as they're concerned." Mr. Issaias, 53, who helped rebels win Eritrea's independence from Ethiopia in 1991, smiled at the mosquito joke in an interview Friday but expressed dismay

Ethiopia, he said, "has changed its position from a border conflict to a campaign to topple the government of Er-

Mr. Issaias said the "big plan" that had floated freely in the Ethiopian media ticularly lethal cerebral strain and some also had been confirmed by Ethiopian

"It would be insane to think they "My understanding is that this is a border dispute," Mr. Issaias said in an interview. Indeed, hundreds died last week in fighting on the frontier between Is it an appeal to the Entirean population? here and abroad?" Eritrea came to the current conflict

with a record of disputes with other neighbors; it currently is on civil terms only with Yemen, after nearly going to war over a border there, too. Moreover, to a diplomatic community that knows countries mostly by their leaders, Mr. Issaias, though smooth and articulate, has a reputation for brutal directness. He rebuked the United Nations, which

ignored the 30-year struggle for Eritrean independence, and made clear his disdain for the historically feckless Organization of African Unity. International aid organ zations operating in Er-itrea were informed that the country would be happ to accept their money but had no use for the foreign experts who usually cause with it.

In private, 1. Issaias can be even stronger. During months of efforts to find a peaceful way out of the border crisis, he met fi quently with negotiators shuttling between Asmara and Addis Ababa, Ethiop:..'s capital. Some walked

"He just says things and does things that are just way out there, on almost a daily basis," said a person involved in the negotiations, who requested anonymity. "He enjoys being the contrarian. He loves seeing the reaction of



A wounded Ethiopian soldier joining a lineup of prisoners Sunday at a camp near Asmara, the Eritrean capital.

points laid out by Susan Rice, U.S. assistant secretary of state for African afformer fighters in the grass-roots liberation struggle that created a nation of ganization of African Unity, calls for technical demarcation of the border, but only after Eritrea pulls its troops out of

fighting broke out Saturday. In short, the peace proposal picks up the current controversy at its international flash point, while ignoring earlier border incidents and provocations that Eritrean officials said prompted Mr. Is-

saias to military action. But Mr. Issaias has shouldered no "I think a lot of people think he's domestic blame for the border conflict, the one whom most people consider to irrational and out of control, but I see it interviews with Eritreans suggest. In Asmara he is prized as a familiar if remote That perspective is framed by the figure, glimpsed dining out with his wife

'There is no cult,'' said a longtime

foreign resident, noting that, unlike many African nations, Eritrea is not the disputed regions where Mr. Issaias awash in portraits of its president on its ordered them in May and where fierce currency or in its places of business. "It's more that he is first among equals." Arriving in Massawa to speak at a

festival, he climbs out of a vehicle wearing sandals and a brown plaid shirt, acknowledges the crowd with one hand and scratches his nose with the other.

The informality developed over decades in the mountains and bush with the Eritrean People's Liberation Front, which leader in 1991 when it finally defeated the Ethiopian Army led by Mengistu Haile Mariam. By then the Eritrean insurgents had formed an alliance with another rebel army, led by Meles Zenawi, now the prime minister of Ethiopia and Mr. Is-

saias's enemy in the border fighting.

Mr. Issaias said the lessons of the largest and best-equipped army — were apparently lost on the Ethiopians. In the Both sides blamed the other for start-

or, less often, sharing a drink with other said Ethiopian forces relied on "a shopping list" of advanced military hardware, including T-62 tanks and latemodel anti-tank missiles.

Eritrean forces held their position, he said, a claim generally supported by diplomats here.

'It was a mistake to think any toy, any gadget you could buy on the market, can resolve any battle," Mr. Issaias said.

Asked why, in that case, Eritrea recently spent millions buying MiG-23 fighter jets, Mr. Issaias insisted that the planes, which can reach the Ethiopian capital, are intended to deter air attacks on Eritrea. He vowed that Eritrea would not initiate an offensive but also offered a lesson: "One thing I've learned in the last Mr. Issaias joined in 1966. He was its eight months is that might makes right." Fighting Begins on a New Front

> Ethiopia said it had inflicted heavy casualties on Eritrea in fresh fighting Sunday on a new front southwest of Aseb, Eritrea's strategic Red Sea port, Reuters reported from Addis Ababa.

Eritrea said it had shot down an liberation war — when the vastly out- Ethiopian Mi-24 helicopter gunship gunned Eritreans defeated Africa's over the front line, killing the crew.

BRIEFLY

A German Banker Is Killed in Iran

TEHRAN --- An Iranian gunman shot and killed a German banker he had taken hostage while being chased by the police, the Foreign Ministry said Sunday.

A ministry spokesman expressed regret at the death of Heinrich Lembirt, the representative of Deutsche Bank in Tehran, in a shoot-out near the holy city of Qum on Saturday.

The newspaper Kayhan said Mohammed Aza Ziyarati Farahani, 24, also had killed three Iranians, including a police officer, before being killed by the police. (Reuters)

Groups Reaffirm Bounty on Rushdie

TEHRAN — Iranian hard-liners used the 10th anniversary Sunday of the death order against the British author Salman Rushdie to reaffirm their intention to carry out the sentence for blasphemy despite a diplomatic deal designed to paper over the affair.

"Iran is serious and determined in the execution of God's order,' Ayatollah Hassan Sanei, head of a religious foundation that has underwritten a \$2.8 million bounty on the author's head, was quoted as saying by the daily Jomhuri-e Is-

Bomb Trial Nears

RAMBOUILLET, France --Two Libyan suspects in the bombing in 1988 of a Pan Am jet over Lockerbie, Scotland, are closer than ever to facing trial, but a clear agree-ment from Libya is still needed, Foreign Secretary Robin Cook of

Britain said Sunday. On Saturday, Saudi Arabian dip-lomats told UN officials in New York that Colonel Moammar Gadhafi, the Libyan leader, had agreed to the suspects being tried before Scottish judges sitting in the Netherlands.

Missile-Shield Talks

OTTAWA — Canada and the United States are holding high-level discussions on the construction of a North American nuclear-missile shield, The Globe and Mail newspaper reported.

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'Jordan's Spirit of Unity Faces a Trial

By Douglas Jehl

Hussein and the crowning of his son as the region said. sponse to their trauma will prove to be

In the sadness prompted by the king's death, world leaders and fellow members of the Hashemite family alike have pledged support for King Abdullah II, first at the vast state funeral last Monday and then in the days of mourning that

But what is important now, Jordanians and diplomats in the region say, is that those pledges be made tangible. Jordan is now led by a 37-year-old ruler who has little experience of power, while a heavy debt burden has cast a shadow over a hoped-for economic revival, and tensions in the royal family for King Hi with tilt to Iraq.

Since the wine still to Iraq. shadow over a hoped-for economic retroublesome distraction.

King Abdullah is on more solid ground than his father was in 1952," a former Jordanian Cabinet minister said, in a reference to the year that King Hussein took power, at a time of turmoil in the Arab world. "But it's certainly shaky in some respects."

Another former minister offered this assessment when asked about the man who was thrust into his position as next in line to the throne only in the final weeks of his father's life: "He's not incapable. But he needs plenty of counsel and advice, and he's also going to need some outside help."

By nearly every account, where Jordan is most vulnerable is in its economy, already suffering from high un-employment and low growth and facing more than \$8 billion in debt, an amount greater than its gross domestic product.

There had been worries that nervousness over King Hussein's death could set off a crippling run on Jordan's currency,

economic aid to the kingdom appears to ["As for confederation or any other beavy fighting that broke out Feb. 6, he ing the fighting Sunday."

East, remains in urgent need of relief. That relief could come through the rescheduling of hundreds of millions of dollars in debt owed this year to Japan and Europe, or, preferably, through forgiveness, a step embraced by the United States in 1994, when it wiped away \$700 million in Jordanian debt.

Another hope that has been rekindled in Jordan is the prospect that Sandi Arabia or Kuwait might revive old gen-

Before the Gulf War of 1991, those countries provided both aid and employment to Jos in, but both streams were all bur eli: unated as punishment

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A more distant but no less troublesome challenge for Jordan could come in relations with the Palestinians.

On Friday, the Palestinian leader, Yasser Arafat, in a surprise move, offered what he portrayed as a goodwill gesture to King Abdullah, saying that the Palestinians would welcome a confed-

eration with Jordan. Jordanian officials said Sunday, however, that calls for confederation were premature before the Palestinians won full independence, Reuters reported

[Responding to comments by Mr. Arafat, the officials said Jordan first wanted to see a Palestinian state established. "We cannot pre-empt the fu-

For now, an American promise to ture," Information Minister Nasser speed payments of millions of dollars in Joudeh said.

CAIRO - After the death of King have averted that danger, diplomats in future relation between Jordan and the Palestinians, we say the most important successor, Jordanians are hoping that the overwhelming solidarity shown in re-important stabilizing force in the Middle centrates, as it has done, on helping and supporting Palestinians to attain their full rights on their national soil, meaning the establishment of their national state," he added.]

Such an arrangement could bring eco-nomic benefits, but it might also carry political problems for Jordan, whose population already includes a large Palestinian majority.

If a confederation were forged, Jordanians would become a much smaller minority, which could add to the prospect of internal instability.

In Jordan itself, what many citizens have been watching most intently is a drama unfolding in the royal family, which is still recovering from the shock of King Hussein's decision last month to dismiss his brother, Hassan, as crown prince, and to replace him with Abdullah, King Hussein's eldest son, who became king last Sunday.

It was very much noticed that Prince Hassan did not join King Abdullah on Tuesday in receiving mourners on the day after the state funeral.

The next day, Prince Hassan did stand shoulder-to-shoulder with the new king and he pledged in a public letter to his nephew, "I will not hold back love or

knowledge or support." In a separate show of unity, King Hussein's widow, Queen Noor, received female mourners alongside not only Queen Rania, King Abdullah's wife, but also Princess Muna, the new king's British-born mother, whom King Hussein divorced in 1971.

But associates of Prince Hassan say he remains bitter at his removal just two weeks before he would have become king and at a lack of sympathy shown by the Jordanian people, many of whom turned against him after his dismissal.

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School for New-Tech, On-Line Scoundrels

Cheating on tests has long been a low-technology matter: the surreptitions glance to the side, microscopic handwriting on the thigh, signaling with crossed and uncrossed legs or earlobe tugs. But that was yesterday. A newer generation of students learned to grab term papers off the Internet from such Web sites as IvyEs-

says.com and the Evil House of Cheat, reports the Los Angeles Times. But with large-scale assessment testing, the rewards for cheating have risen sharply. Whole tests can be stolen so that answers can be sold to hundreds of test-takers.

Today's cheaters can use such cutting-edge devices as wireless video cameras (\$150; or a bit more for versions concealed in pagers or eyeglass cases), miniature tape recorders, and electromagnetic radiation detectors that can read computer display terminals from a distance.

The growing technological capacity for cheating has coincided with a growing acceptance of the practice. Stephen Davis, a psychology professor at Emporia State University in Kansas, has surveyed more than 17,000 graduages accept the country. students across the country.

A 1941 survey found that 21 percent of college students admitted cheating at least once on an exam. By the late 1980s, Mr. Davis found, the figure had reached 50 percent. and has remained at that level. "It's the diploma at the end of the trail that counts these days," Mr. Davis said, "not the process to get the diploma."

But there may be a way to re-create the sense of academic community that suppresses the temptation to cheat. Schools with honor codes, a Rutgers associate provost, Donald McCabe, found, have much lower levels of cheating.

The U.S. government will allow hunters to shoot hundreds of thousands of additional snow geese as they migrate north in coming months. The move aims to protect the health of vast stretches of tundra and salt marshes in the Hudson Bay area of Canada. The birds breed there during the warm months, destroying plant roots and topsoil as they grub into the tundra. Over the last three decades, the snow goose population has risen from 800,000 to about 5 million.

The Interior Department will allow 24 states to extend the hunting season and permit hunters to use now-banned electronic goose calls. Hunters are expected to shoot up to 1.2 million of the birds.

A last bastion of male domination in the American workplace is the construction industry. While women make up about 46 percent of the total work force, they accounted for just 11 percent of construction industry employment in 1996, and that number included women working in marketing and support jobs. But, amid a construction boom, the total number of women in construction jumped to 780,000 in 1997, nearly 30 percent higher than the preceding year, The Dallas Morning News reported.

Brian Knowlton

No Gloating, Please

"Is this still a gloat-free zone now?" a reporter asked presidential spokesman Joe Lockhart after the Senate voted to acquit the president. Responded Mr. Lockhart: "Absolutely."

One might expect that — after a president had lied under oath and committed acts that smelled awfully like obstruction of justice; that after these acts had triggered a criminal investigation from which the president withheld the truth for months; that after the president had lied before the grand jury in the course of this investigation; that after the president had made liars of and caused public humiliation to his family, aides and friends; that after many of those people had incurred significant legal fees as a result of the investigation; that after the president's defense had repeatedly compounded the lies he told with further lies; that after the House of Representatives had concluded that his offenses warranted impeachment; and that after the Senate decided not to remove him from office, extending (correctly, in our view) what is more an act of grace than an acquittal in the traditional sense — the possibility of gloating over such a victory would not even merit discussion.

The president and his spokesman both made all the right noises in the wake of Friday's Senate vote; no vindication was claimed, and the president's deep sorrow at his actions was again reiterated and with sufficient generality that he did not have to repeat his preposterous distinction between the private wrongs that he acknow-ledges and the public wrongs that he continues to deny. Yet one is left with the suspicion that Mr. Clinton still does not understand what happened.

To the White House, this was mere political warfare - something to be won or lost — rather than a serious question about the fitness to lead of the

Back to Business

The Senate's acquittal of President Bill Clinton brings relief to a scandalweary country, but it ushers in a new era of distrust in Washington. For all their pledges to seek a new bipartisanship, Democrats may now be more interested in trying to capitalize on impeachment fatigue by confronting and demonizing the Republicans in order to retake Congress. Republicans are divided, perplexed and wary of

Democratic motives. But that is only a snapshot, 21 months before the next election. The future need not be characterized by more trench warfare. Both parties have time to lift their sights and approach their work in the constructive spirit desired by the public.

The Democrats are feeling confident, now that Republican House managers could not get even a majority of tors to back the perjury and obstruction charges against Mr. Clinton. Dick Gephardt, assessing the slim Republican edge in the House and the party's fumbling since the election, has sensibly decided to remain as the House Democratic leader, withdraw from the presidential race and focus his energies on becoming speaker. That leaves him and Vice President Al Gore in a tight alliance that poses a more serious political and fund-raising threat to the Republicans.

But Democrats must also be careful not to appear indifferent to the public's tortured ambivalence toward President Clinton and his conduct. Any White House-inspired attempt to punish the House impeachment managers could easily backfire, reinforcing the image of an unrepentant president. Most of the House managers are from extremely safe districts, in any case.

As chastened as they may be by the impeachment debacle, Republicans can take some comfort in the fact that it ended with a measure of dignity. That conclusion is a tribute to Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott, who managed to maintain a bipartisan spirit even when the votes were not. He avoided the mistakes of the House, kept the Senate dialogue going, and mostly allowed all sides to feel that they had given it a legitimate shot, although this judicious tone was marred somewhat by Mr. Lott's bitter comments about the president after the vote.

The pressures on Republicans are tremendous. They are more split over politics, cultural matters and basic is-sues like tax cuts and Social Security

After Clinton's Ordeal man at America's belm. We opposed Mr. Clinton's impeachment, and we opposed his removal after the House passed the articles. The Senate vote to end this process without removing Mr. Clinton was a correct one. Mr. Clinton's acquittal, however, is unsatis-

fying at a profound level. It is not just the failure of the Senate to pass a censure resolution - a failure that makes this acquittal seem like more of a vindication than it ought to seem. It is also that we believe perjury and obstruction of justice both to be, where proved, presumptively impeachable offenses under the constitution. And although Mr. Clinton's acquittal was the right exercise of senators' dis-cretion, given the peculiarly personal circumstances of this particular case and the inadequacy of aspects of the charges, one is left with the hollow feeling that a precedent has been es-tablished that will stand in the future as a comfort to perjurers and others who would tamper with federal court pro-ceedings while holding high office.

Senators and commentators were eager on Friday to brand the vote a victory for the constitution. That is nonsense. The constitution lost in a big way the moment the man in whom it vested the entire executive power of the United States decided to cheat a court in order to protect himself.

That this matter is finally over is a good thing. And Mr. Clinton, to be sure, can now rest easy in the knowledge that he will serve the rest of his term. That is not, however, any kind of vindication worth celebrating for Mr. Clinton, much less for the constitution. It is a simple judgment — more mature, perhaps, than principled, and made with every understanding of the ignoble qualities of the man who sits in the Oval Office - that not every offease is worth punishing. That judgment is nothing to gloat about.

—THE WASHINGTON POST.

than at any time since seizing control of Congress in 1994, and have a precarious House majority that makes any defection a potentially fatal blow. The underlying fissures surfaced last week when 11 House Republicans walked away from a plan for an acrossthe-board tax cut supported by the speaker, Dennis Hastert, who had hoped to make taxes the centerpiece of his campaign to unite the party around Reagan-style verities.

Despite the partisan tension, there are points of agreement on issues of great concern to the public. A majority in both the Senate and the House favors legislation to reform campaign finance laws, raise the minimum wage and create a patient's bill of rights.

Many Republicans are also prepared to join with Democrats to spend more for school construction and new teachers, special education programs, tax credits to help families care for the disabled, and sprawl through undeveloped land.

Mr. Hastert apparently feels that he cannot afford politically to anger his party's base or its right wing. But he also needs to respect the independence of those Republicans ready to make deals with the Democrats. Besides, if agreements on smaller issues can be fashioned, they can serve, to borrow the language of arms control, as confidence-building measures to get to the larger issues later in the year.

With the impeachment process completed, Americans yearn for a Congress that can actually accomplish something. Reverting to more party warfare will hurt both sides. The trick will be for lawmakers to look beyond their trenches to see where the public

—THE NEW YORK TIMES.

Other Comment Now Impeach the People?

What's shocking is how readily those who hate Bill Clinton are willing to transfer that hatred to the people who refused to give him the boot. William Bennett now labels Americans "ignoble." Lindsey Graham summed up his case for impeachment by saying, "This nation is in hopeless decline." In his summation, Henry Hyde declared: "I wonder if after this culture war is over ... an America will survive that's worth fighting to defend." Love it or leave it, buster.

- Frank Rich, commenting in The New York Times.

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The World's Leader Has a Credibility Problem

W ASHINGTON — In a statement explaining his votes to convict President Bill Clinton of perjury and obstruction of justice, Senator Richard Lugar of Indiana, an influential Resolution project on foreign religion. publican voice on foreign policy, raised the most important question left unanswered by the Senate's acquittal verdicts: is Mr. Clinton still trusted enough to lead?

"The president of the United States is the most powerful person in the world, because we are the strongest country economically and militarily --and in the appeal of our idealism," Mr. Lugar said. But a president can exert "he personifies the rule of law that he is

swom to uphold and protect."
"We must believe him and trust him if we are to follow him," Mr. Lugar said. "His influence on domestic and foreign policies comes from that trust."

Mr. Lugar's words, and his votes, carry special weight because there is no one on Capitol Hill with wider contacts in the international community and no one whose views on foreign policy sway more colleagues in both parties.

Coming out of the impeachment trial, Mr. Clinton enjoys a good deal of lever-age with the Republican Congress on flattery that Secretary of State

By David S. Broder

domestic issues. Republicans desperately need to show some progress on the issues that people care about — edu-cation, health care, Social Security and the rest - in order to erase the image that they are fixated on punishing the president. To do that means that they must forge compromises with him.

There is no such imperative on foreign policy. The public is not pushing for anything to be done. Quite the contrary. The less the United States is involved in bailing out other countries' that influence only to the extent that problems, economically or militarily, the better most Americans like it.

Mr. Clinton, on the other hand, has learned that the world becomes a much more dangerous place when America fails to lead. And a cadre of Republican senators, headed by Mr. Lugar, has been prepared to help the president maintain at least a degree of bipartisanship in his foreign policy.

The chairman of the Foreign Re-lations Committee, Jesse Helms of North Carolina, remains implacably opposed to major parts of adminis-

internationalist Republicans who have provided critical support on key issues from expansion of NATO to engage-

ment with China.

They are Mr. Lugar, a Rhodes scholar and former chairman of the committee; Paul Coverdell of Georgia, a former Peace Corps director; and two
talented, relatively junior members,
Chuck Hagel of Nebraska and Gordon
H. Smith of Oregon, both former businessmen with a strong grasp of the realities of the international economy.

Those four probably will determine how much unity can be maintained in foreign policy over the remaining months of Mr. Clinton's term.

Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott of

Mississippi is such a skeptic when it comes to Mr. Clinton that he publicly questioned the timing of the mid-December air campaign against Sad-dam Hussein, suggesting that Mr. Clin-ton might be using it to delay the House impeachment vote. And House Speaker Dennis Hastert of Illinois has displayed little of Newt Gingrich's strong belief in a vigorous international leadership role for the United States. Unfortunately, Mr. Coverdell, Mr.

Madeleine Albright can apply. But right behind him in seniority are four profound disquiet with the behavior profound disquiet with the behavior that put the president on trial. All four voted to remove him from office.

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Mr. Smith, for example, said: Political prisoners around the world look to the United States for hope," largely because of American adherence to the rule of law. "If the president of the United States is allowed to break our laws when they prove embarrassing to him or conflict with his political interests," the confidence of people abroad, as well as at home, shrivels.

These senators say they will continue to support Mr. Clinton's policies when they think them correct. Mr. Coverdell, for example, said, "We will deal with the president as president."
But he conceded that Mr. Clinton has a credibility problem with the committee

"that may be increased by the trial."

Mr. Hagel told me: "If anyone believes there will not be a political
hangoverhere, they haven't been around
very long. The embassies have a second very long. ... The embassies have very sophisticated observers, and they know all is not well. There will be consequences for a world that depends on American leadership. The real challenge is whether we can rise above this."

The Washington Post.

Beyond the Rambouillet Effort Looms the NATO Anniversary

By Jim Hoagland

PARIS — The United States and its main European allies have dragged Serbs and reconcile their murderous differences. In this exercise of diplomatic desperation lie seeds of opportunity or discord for an Atlantic alliance struggling to find a new identity beyond the Cold War.

The urgent focus of the proxy talks being held at Rambouillet, near Paris, has rightly been on the popular insurrection against the rule of Slobodan Milosevic and his repressive Serbian forces in the predominantly Albanian-innabited province of Kosovo.

Both Mr. Milosevic and the Kosovo Liberation Army have spent the winter preparing for March offensives that would break a four-month-old U.S.brokered truce, according to U.S. intelligence reports. The need to head off the new spasms of bloodletting was dramatized by a savage massacre of Al-banian civilians at the Kosovo village of Racak on Jan. 15.

What happened next illustrates the opportunity for a new morning in NATO.

The massacre occurred only weeks after Britain and France pledged at a summit meeting in the French town of St. Malo to take on more responsibility within the alliance for security in Europe. London and Paris moved to avoid in Kosovo a repeat of the European humiliation and failure in Bosnia before U.S. mediation produced the Dayton accord in 1995.

Britain and France launched the Rambouillet talks on behalf of the Contact Group, which they, the United States, Russia, Germany and Italy compose. If agreement is reached by the Feb. 19 deadline set by Paris and London, a NATO-led peacekeeping force of about 30,000 troops commanded by a British general and including German and Russian units will quickly deploy into Kosovo.

Britain has begun loading and shipping light tanks to the region, and France has put its preventive force already in Macedonia on alert to move into Kosovo as soon as the accord comes into effect."

The Clinton administration has responded to the Ram-bouillet initiative positively. Secretary of State Madeleine Albright put aside her personal animosity toward the com-mon-denominator multinational diplomacy practiced by the Contact Group. She let the talks move forward. Secretary of Defense William Cohen told Congress that the Pentagon would favorably consider

combat U.S. soldiers into action if Rambouillet succeeds in forging a political agreement.
"We welcome the Europeans coming to grips with increased defense responsibilities," Mr. Cohen told me when I asked if St. Malo and Rambouillet had influenced this new openness to a U.S. peacekeeping assignment in Kosovo. But new responsibilities should make Europeans

putting 2,000 to 4,000 non-

rethink "their current tendency to cut defense spending and forces," he pointedly added.

against a second deadline beyond the competing March of-fensives in Kosovo: In late April th: leaders of 19 members of VATO will gather in Washing:on to celebrate the alliance's 50th anniversary and unveil a new "strategic concept of its missions and responsibilities.

In pre-summit negotiations on that document, France and the United States have expressed radically different views on NATO using force outside its territory.

The French accuse the Americans of wanting a "global NATO," and insist that United Nations approval must be sought for out-of-area missions except in the most extraordinary cases of immediate humanitarian disaster. The Americans, accusing France of wanting to subordinate the alliance and weaken U.S. le dership in it, say NATO on always act on its own and wity.

This has led U.S. negotiators into the odd position of The talks at Rambouillet are fighting against any reference negotiations within a negotiation. The diplomats work ment to a request for UN ap-

proval of this new peacekeeping mission — even though, as the French point out, such a request is included in the Dayton documents written by American negotiators.

Such wrangling sounds abstract, but it has immediate consequences for implementing a Kosovo agreement, and could quickly snuff out the recent progress made in promoting alliance harmony.

President Bill Clinton and

the other leaders can expect to be laughed off the Washington stage if Rambouillet fails and ethnic war is raging on Europe's southern fringe while they solemnly party at the anniversary celebration.

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The road to a Washington summit that reflects glory on the good and great of the Atlantic community now passes through the police stations and city hall of the pitiable Kosovar capital of Pristina. Stopping the bloodshed there and policing the peace is a mission that Americans and Europeans should share equitably once they stop arguing over bureau-

cratic theory.

The Arab World Needs More Than Fathers and Sons

WASHINGTON - The most striking thing about

who did and did not attend. Moammar Gadhafi sent his son and heir apparent, Seif el-Islam. Hafez Assad went himself, instead of sending his son and heir apparent, Bashar. Sad-dam Hussein could have sent his son and heir apparent, Uday, but they weren't invited. Hosni Mubarak went himself; I did not notice if he brought his able son Gemal. King Hassan of Morocco sent his son, Crown

Prince Sidi Mohammed. Crown Prince Abdullah of Saudi Arabia came himself. Emir Isa of Bahrain came himself and did not send his son. Crown Prince Saad of Kuwait came instead of his older cousin, the emir. They all came to pay homage to Hussein's son and heir, King Abdullah. By Thomas L. Friedman

While the rest of the world Jordan's Oueen Noor had to was represented at the funeral watch from afar as her husband largely by elected leaders, the Arab world was represented almost entirely by fathers and sons — either kings and their sons or coup leaders and their sons. While the rest of the world is empowering its people to thrive in the information revolution, the Arab leaders are still trying to buy stability by empowering their sons.

Guys, some free advice: This ain't gonna work much longer. When I was in college, studying introductory Arabic, the first two sentences I learned were "The Nile River is the biggest and longest river in the world" and "Women are half the nation." Both sentences are still true, but only one is believed in today's Arab world.

was buried, because women were not allowed at the funeral. The Arab world is trying to enter the age of globalization with one and a half hands tied behind its back. Its women in general are not being empowered, and even many of its men are being frozen out of participation.

This in an era when Singapore has already hooked up every one of its households to a high-speed, broadband Internet network, and has just named "Miss Internet Singapore," after a pageant in which the winner was chosen on the basis of how well she could design a Web page.
"All these Arab leaders kept

saying to Abdullah, 'May you

lations at the University of Maryland. "But this is precisely the mind-set that needs to be put behind us. The notion that your sons should always follow in your footsteps just isn't a propriate anymore.' The one nopeful sign is that

all the kings and dictators have lost i in nonopoly over inform started with private Saudi figureiers setting up Aripers and a satellite tation, the Middle televi East casting Center, in Londo from where they beame-ck real, uncensored news into the Arab world.

The Saudi financiers, though, made or a mistake. At the urging of their government, they used their private media to attack their little neighbor Qatar for having been too aggressive in opening up relations with Israel.

The Saudis forgot that in the era of globalization, size doesn't matter very much. So Qatar's emir — whose whole country consists of only 300,000 people - authorized creation of a private Qatari satellite television system, al-Jazeera TV, which is now the freest, most widely watched television network in the Arab world.

It was al-Jazeera that broadcast Saddam Hussein's recent call for the elimination of all the

follow in your father's foot-steps,'" said Shibley Telhami, Saudis — at a time when no an expert on international re- state-owned Arab television would broadcast such a threat Little Qatar's satellite station is now driving the rest of the Arab world crazy. The Arabs and Jews still

need a peace process, but the Arab world needs a modernization process even more.

Look at Syria. President Assad won re-election on Thursday for a new seven-year term with 99.98 percent of the vote. It is hard to believe that anyone still holds these phony elec-tions. What is the point?

The best you can say about the Arab world today is that it is finally entering its Gorbachev phase. It is trying glasnost with-out perestroika. It is opening up to the world externally (satellite. television and the peace process with Israel) but without much

real internal restructuring. The Arab world desperately needs a country or leader able to demonstrate that it is possible both to open up to the world and to empower your people po-litically, economically and educationally, without sparking in-

stability.
In the increasingly competitive relay race that is today's if you are only, global economy, if you are only, fielding a relay team of fathers and sons, there is no way -- no way --- you can keep up.

IN OUR PAGES: 100, 75 AND 50 YEARS AGO

1899: Balkan Fears

PARIS — The "Novosti" says: The Albanians are playing the same rôle in Macedonia that the Kurds did in Armenia. It is to be feared that the so-called Macedonian rising will be provoked by them, whereas repression will be directed against the innocent Stav agriculturist, who is quite tranquil and devoid of any thought of insurrection. It is highly important that such a collision should be avoided, which can be accomplished only by the combined intervention of the great Powers with the Porte."

1924: America's Way

PARIS - Senator Paul Dupny, director of the "Petit Parisien," discussed the difference beween American and European ideals: "Among my impressions of America, it is above all that of the beauty of the American ideal that I retain. Europe

has its own ideals. The Enropean treats his business as business, and then likes to occupy himself with music, art, literature, apart from his commercial or other affairs. In America ideals are mingled with business. The ideals are what have brought you your prosperity.'

1949: A Bipolar World

LIEGE, Belgium - Belgian Premier Paul-Henri Spaak said that a "real equilibrium" could be established between "the world of the East dominated by the Communists" and the "the world of the West dominated by the democracies." M. Spaak ridiculed Communist charges that the proposed Atlantic pact had war with Russia as their objective. He said that the democratic nations "could not declare a war" because "the idea of war can pass through the mind of a single man, but not the minds of millions at the same time."

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By David Nyhan

This Olympic Sponsor Isn't Happy

BOSTON — David
D'Alessandro is trying
to do for the worldwide Olympic movement what he once did on a far smaller scale for the Boston Marathon save a precious and unique sporting tradition from a nasty

financial scandal If Juan Antonio Samaranch dictator of the International Olympic Committee, falls on his sword next month when the tottering IOC weighs its bribery habits, it will have been Mr. D'Alessandro who furnished the blade.

By daring to go public with his threat to withhold \$20 million of John Hancock's Olympic advertising investment unless the Lords of the Rings clean up their act, he has forced long-simmering cor-

ruption issues to the surface: As president and chief operations officer of John Hancock, one of America's biggest insurance companies, he has supervised the forking over of \$100 million in Hancock cash to the Olympics over more than a decade.

Unlike other big corporate sponsors, whose ranks include the likes of Coca-Cola, Visa and Xerox, Mr. D'Alessandro would not settle for a brush-off from the IOC when he the hands of IOC members, demanded rigorous airing of many of them from tiny, imthe systemic bribery that has reached not only into the Salt no large U.S. corporation

Lake City award but into Sydney and Atlanta, too. By going public several weeks ago with his threat to withhold Hancock's advertising sponsorship, Mr. D'Alessandro is taking on Mr. Sa-maranch. "I did it," he said on Friday, "because these guys lied to us. Excuse me we give you \$100 million, and you lied to us? And you contime to lie to us?"

The Hancock chief said his efforts to force more accountability on the IOC were meeting with nothing but evasions and misrepresentations. With hundreds of millions in sponsorship money available, and with very little in the

way of financial accountability in the IOC's structure, corruption was practically inevitable, he suggested.
The 1956 Olympics sold television rights for a paltry \$56,000. But after the Los Angeles Games of 1984 showed how money could be made by commercializing the event, the awarding of sites by secret vote of the IOC meant

that huge contracts could be

could function without any serious oversight or accountability, Mr. D'Alessandro said.
"This is a real secret society that's come into so much cash ... What happened is that, little

by little, there was this de-

terioration. So when the rev-

elations came that Salt Lake

City had given extravagant fa-vors, on one hand you say to yourself that it's a surprise, but then you think, after 15 years with all this money, why should this be a surprise?" His private diplomacy went nowhere, he said. "They only pay attention to public statements." When an Australian confessed to handing over letters of commitment worth \$70,000 to two African IOC members on condition that Sydney win the games, he said, Sydney won the contract

by two votes. When Mr. Samaranch failed to honor a pledge to investigate that, the Hancock chief demanded to know if bribery was part of the IOC's regular tool kit.
He did not take lightly to getting the brush-off from the IOC. "You give somebody

\$100 million — with the exception of the Congress they take your phone calls." 'Do we want to marry our logo to scandal, bribery, the royals, their cult of entitle-

The Boston Globe.

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How to Be Gruntled, Kempt and Couth

WASHINGTON — In wordplay you can sometimes get word understanding. Phrases like "If vegetarians eat vegetables, what do human-itarians eat?" and "Why do we put suits in a garment bag and put garments in a suitcase?" have been knocking about the Internet.

Such double-entendres can be funny. For example, two meanings of funny are the basis for the line "Is it true cannibals don't eat clowns because they taste funny?" Because season has several meanings, we can ask, "If it's tourist season, why can't we shoot them?"
These one-liners cause us to take another look at what we're saying.

By William Safire

New York Times Service

The word to be examined today is treated in a similarly thought-provoking phrase: "How come you don't ever hear about gruntled employees?"

Those of us in the scandalmongering dodge rely heavily on "disgruntled former employees" for leaks, tips and other often-slanderous leads; in gratitude, we change their designation to the more upbeat whistle-blower. But they are surely in a state of disgruntlement, and the time has come to get to the bottom of the word. It begins with grunts. These are the

short, deep, guttural sounds made by hogs, especially when eating. The word seeks to imitate the sound; a Roman farmer was probably responsible for the Latin grunire, "to grunt; to sound like a rooting pig or sickly

Gruntle is what lexicographers call a frequentive, a verb that describes employees.

repeated or recurrent action. (Some action while we're at it, and to save each call it "frequentative," but they need other mail, let's look at the humorous preventive, not preventative, medi- use of couth and kempt, wordplay on cine.) The frequentive of wrest is uncouth and ill kempt.

wrestle; of prate, prattle; of spark, sparkle; and the frequentive of grunt is gruntle. The Oxford English Dictionary

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defines gruntle as "to grumble, murmur, complain," and cites a 1589 sermon by Robert Bruce: "It becomes us not to have our hearts here gruntling upon this earth." Haynes Goddard of Cincinnati writes to suggest that the verb dis-

gruntle means "to deprive of the opportunity to register dissatisfaction and complaint" — that is, to deny the release of a good, loud grunt, and thereby to make the would-be gruntler sullen. We don't know; the OED mysteriously lists disgruntle as appearing in 1682 and meaning "to put into sulky dissatisfaction or ill humor." You might think that if the old gruntle meant "complain," then disgruntle would mean 2 to stop from complaining," but language is not always logical.

However, thanks to a comic writer, gruntled - having died as obsolete has indeed made it back into the dictionaries. P.G. Wodehouse, creator of Jeeves, wrote, in his 1938 "Code of the gruntled." The OED and MerriamWebster list that play on a word as a back-formation from disgruntle, and the word gruntle is born court. the word gruntle is born again meaning "to put in a good humor." Wodehouse has answered the comedic question. There are, indeed, gruntled

While we're at it, and to save each

As the current millennium began, kempt meant "combed." Such personal tidiness was not always taken to be a positive: "If a man have a kempt hed," John Wyclif warned young women in 1380, "thanne he is a leccherous man." (That same suspiciously slicked-down hair gave rise to the pejorative city slicker.) In the 16th century, kempt divided into ill kempt (slobs a girl could trust) and well kempt, as in James Joyce's "Ulysses" "a wellkempt head new-barbered" and still lecherous. Today, the seldomused kempt is neutral, as if with hair

hastily combed by the fingers.

A LSO a thousand years ago, couth meant "known, familiar" and uncouth was "unknown, foreign, strange" (as the admonition to young women later went, "uncouth, un-kissed"). Couth faded out, but was back-formed and born again, thanks to Max Beerbohm in 1896. It was popularized in a funny line delivered by a shrewd dumb-blond character, played by Indy Holliday in Garson Kanin's 1946 "Born Yesterday." When crit-icized by her overbearing lover as un-

guage, we still have couth, kempt and gruntled. Like a stand-up comedian on a sit-down strike, I am still working at 186,300 miles per second on the cosmological-linguistic question what's the speed of dark?"

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REPORTING LIVE

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Reviewed by Jonathan Yardley

ONE of the most treasured myths of journalism—treasured by no one so much as journalists themselves - is that the people who cover and comment upon the news are raffish, irreverent, beholden to no one. But as this book inadvertently reminds us, quite the opposite is the case, at least among those fortunate enough to reach the top of the journalistic ladder; they almost always end up just as dull, self-protective and self-infatuated as the stuffed shirts - presidents, members of Congress, giants of industry — in whose

company they travel. Nothing proves this quite so conclusively as the journalistic memoir. With the merciful exceptions of H.L. Mencken and Russell Baker, no American journalist has written an autobiography upon which any reader in his or her right mind would care to waste more than 10 minutes of browsing time. Rather than tell the inside story, these books are little more than endless variations on the eternally tiresome theme of Famous People I Have Met, perhaps dumbed down further with doses of Farnous Places I Have Visited.

"Reporting Live" is a case in point. Lesley Stahl, who has been with CBS News since 1972, could tell an interesting story if she cared to, but either (a) she doesn't care to or (b) she has a very

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strange idea of what "interesting" means. She is one of the first women to have had a successful career in American television news, but she never explores this in anything more than a perfunctory way. She has had complicated and, one

senses, not always pleasant dealings with powerful and prominent men, but with a couple of exceptions (Daniel Schort, Van Gordon Sauter) she pulls her punches when she writes about them. She has witnessed at first hand historic changes in television and its effect on American life, but none of her comments on any of this ever rises above the bromidic.

What seems to have happened to Stahl is what seems to happen to everyone who rises from the journalistic trenches to become famous and prosperous: She has become a Personage and has written precisely the sort of memoir one would expect a Personage to write, a state paper rather than an autobiography. But readers who would like to know what sort of person it takes to make a successful broadcast journalist, who wonder what makes Stahl tick, will not find many of their questions answered here.

"Reporting Live" does contain a certain amount of "confession," such as we now expect memorists to dish out. It's surface stuff, none of which tells us anything revealing about a woman who would seem to have a good deal more to her than generic ambitions and emotions. To give her the benefit of the doubt, hers is obviously the story of how a woman achieved renown in a business

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dominated by men, and perhaps, as a man, I may be insufficiently attuned to the nuances of this. Still, it does not strike me that there is anything especially nu-

anced about the way she tells the tale. Early on she informs us that in the late 1960s, while working at NBC and hoping for a job in London, she was advised by David Brinkley, "You're a pretty blonde. You should stay in New York and have fun," which is insulting on its

face but reflected the garden-variety

male attitudes of that day. In truth, Stahi's reaction to obstacles that rose in her path because she is a woman seems to have much more to do with the specific interests of Lesley Stahl than with the condition of women generally. She says that she "told myself that succeeding at becoming a woman of authority on television would in itself help other women," that "by telegraphing the image of a woman with some power and heft, I could help the cause," but those are not exactly the words of someone prepared to lay down her life ---

much less her career! - for that cause. Alas, what those words reflect is the self-absorption that is this book's dominant characteristic. In TV news it isn't always easy to tell what's the cart and what's the horse - do people go into relevision because they love to look at themselves, or does looking at themselves make them fall in love with themselves? - but Stahl seems incapable of seeing far beyond the confines of self.

Washington Post Service

BRIDGE

By Alan Truscott

B OB GOLDMAN, a world champion from Dallas, had only encountered his partner, Patti Anderson of Romdiagramed deal, they produced a fine defense to exact the maximum penalty.

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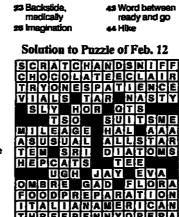
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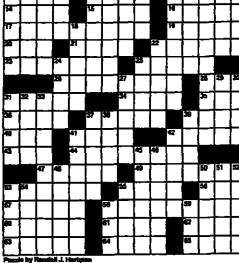
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A Thorny Question

Growing a Human From an Embryo Cell

By Gina Kolata New York Times Service

per in which they reported that they had grown entire mice from individual cells that they had plucked from mouse embryos.

the small world of mouse researchers a pancreas that could squirt out insulin as a technological tour de force. But for a person with diabetes. now, as scientists are eyeing human embryo cells as material for research, the experiment is giving rise to a thorny philosophical question.

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There is 'a tremenequivalent of an entire embryo? Where, in other dous pressure in these discussions. potential for human life lie?

There are no simple answers anymore, ethicists that since human embryonic stem cells say. "There's a certain ambiguity or "do not have the capacity to develop complexity that wasn't appreciated before," said Thomas Murray, director of the Hastings Center, which stud-

But even debating the question is a political mine field, some experts say. The answers could determine whether scientists can go ahead with experiments on isolated human embryo cells that they hope will revolutionize medicine or whether they will be required to treat single human embryo cells with the same sort of restraint that they treat a human embryo. "People who hold a pro-life view

regard the human embryo from the moment of conception as a fully pro-tectable human being," said Ronald Green, director of the Ethics Institute of Dartmouth College. And so discussions of whether embryo cells are the University School of Medicine, who equivalent of embryos or the equivalent of human tissue, like skin or human embryonic stem cells, said the muscle, are being carried out with the real question was whether the stem abortion debates looming in the back- cells by themselves could grow into a ground. "That's a tremendous pressure

in these discussions," Mr. Green said. The mouse embryo cells that the capable of doing that," he said. Canadian scientists studied were of a Brigid Hogan of Vanderbilt Unispecial type, known as stem cells, that versity said: 'There is a real biological in theory can grow into any tissues or . difference between an embryonic stem organs, although not - most assumed cell and a fertilized egg.'

until the experiment six years ago -into an entire healthy mouse. Researchers have worked with mouse embryon-**T**EW YORK — Six years ic stem cells for years, but only recently ago, scientists in Canada have scientists been able to isolate hypublished a remarkable pa- man embryonic stem cells, a result that has profound implications. Scientists speak of learning to push human em-bryonic stem cells along a pathway to become a spongy bone marrow, brim-At the time, it was seen by those in ming with red and white blood cells, or

There is just one problem: The government bans the use of its money for research in which human embryos are destroyed or discarded. The question If you can grow a mouse from a was, where does that leave embryo

the research ban. The reason, the National Insti-National tutes of Health wrote in a statement, was that the cells "are not an embryo as defined by statute" and

into a human being, they cannot be considered human embryos consistent with the commonly accepted or scientific meaning of that term."

Nonsense, says Lee Silver, a mouse geneticist at Princeton University. If what matters, as the government lawyers wrote, is "the capacity to develop into a human being," then human embryonic stem cells are the moral equivalent of embryos. "Metaphysically, it's all the same," he said.

He thinks research with human embryo cells should be permitted but is offended, he said, by all the winking and nodding by scientists who do not want to admit the true potential of these cells to become a baby, if anyone wanted to try.

John Gearhart of the Johns Hopkins led one of the two teams that isolated person. "The bottom line has to be that these cells in and of themselves are not

New Harmony in the Universe

By John Noble Wilford

HICAGO - In a kind of summit conference on the universe. the world's leading cosmolo-gists have assessed their theories and pronounced them healthy, saying that a wealth of new research that at first seemed puzzling turns out to strengthen the intellectual framework that has shaped decades of debate about the origin and evolution of the uni-

The astonishing discovery last year that the universe's expansion is not slowing down, as assumed, but seems to be speeding up jolted theorists of the Big Bang whose concept for the explosive beginning and expanding evolution of the universe had, as Sir Martin Rees of

Cambridge University in England put it, "lived dangerously for 30 years."

An indispensable corollary, intro-duced in 1981 and known as inflation, had breathed new vitality into the theory with a plausible explanation of bow, in its first microseconds, the universe made the transition from initially featureless conditions to the ripples out of which mighty galaxies would grow. But scientists had been short on evidence to

support the reality of inflation.

So, in a six-day meeting here, the cosmologists were relieved to find their inflationary Big Bang theory more robust than ever.

"Two years ago, we couldn't have had this meeting — we didn't have the data," said Michael Turner of the University of Chicago, who organized the Pritzker Symposium and Workshop on the Status of Inflationary Cosmology. 'Now we do, and the data say we have a flat universe.

Flatness is the large-scale geometry for the universe predicted by the inflation concept. It means that the expanding universe will not collapse or thin out into infinity, but should main-tain a gravitational balance between the slight density variations. two alternatives through a coasting ex-

The cosmologists were also a little surprised by the outbreak of good feelings over issues that used to provoke intellectual donnybrooks. No one questioned the Big Bang itself, which would not have been the case earlier in the

Only a few entered mild objections when Alan Guth of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, originator of the first inflation concept, proclaimed, "Everything about inflation is incredibly solid," adding, "It's hard to imagine any atternative"

of the bolder theorists seemed eager to Two teams of astronomers still feud over mostly cold dark matter, unknown and ation are absolutely uncanny," he said.



Michael Turner, left, and Sir Martin Rees at the cosmology conference.

crack even grander cosmic mysteries, differing calculations. But at least new like the possible existence of many more research shows that, contrary to earlier universes. Perhaps believing that cos-mology abhors a vacuum of dispute, these bold ones stunned their colleagues by recommending the controversial anthropic principle be applied in determining the nature and properties of forces and matter in the universe. In anthropic reasoning, simply put, the physical laws of the universe must be such that they allow for the existence of

The primordial sport of inflation space an imprint of ripples, temperature fluctuations as microwave signatures of

pacecraft detected these signatures in 1991, and more detailed observations recently have convinced scientists that these are the seedbeds of all the large structure that eventually appeared in the universe, the stars and galaxies and clusters of galaxies. Without them, there would be no intelligent life. Cosmologists had thus traced the ultimate origin of galaxies back to the first instant after the Big Bang, and inflation, they said, had passed a critical test.

They also felt they were coming close, or close enough, to knowing the age of any alternative." the universe: probably somewhere be-Yielding to this triumphal spirit, some tween 13 billion and 15 billion years old. drogen gas. The rest is presumably

research shows that, contrary to earlier reported estimates that were paradoxical and highly embarrassing, the oldest stars are not older than the universe.

All could agree that the evidence of a low-density universe is overwhelming. There is not enough mass in ordinary matter, the stuff of stars, planets and people, or even the hypothesized exotic particles called cold dark matter to stop the universe from expanding forever.

If standard models of inflationary cosmology are correct, a universe that does would seem to meet the anthropic stan- not eventually collapse on itself (a dard. Inflation was supposed to leave on closed universe) or expand forever into infinity (an open one) should have a critical density, expressed as omega equals one, and a flat geometry. The The Cosmic Background Explorer gravity of a critical density should slow expansion to a kind of coasting equi-librium between collapse and vanishing

> Y MOST measures reported at the meeting, based on studies of the light and motions of galaxy clusters, the density of mass in the universe may be no more than 20 percent to 30 percent or at most 40 percent of the theorized critical density. Only 5 percent is in the readily observed form of luminous stars, and perhaps another 10 percent is composed largely of the interstellar clouds of hy-

Even the discovery, reported last year, that pervasive subatomic particles known as neutrinos have a slight mass does not add enough to the cosmic density to be significant, scientists said. This shortfall in matter density has led theorists to revive a concept that Einstein had entertained and discarded, a kind of hypothesized vacuum energy known as the cosmological constant. No one has defected it or been able to explain its properties, except that the cosmological constant must be evenly distributed energy that exerts a negative pressure to counteract

so far undetectable.

the restraining gravity of matter.
As a result of evidence for an accelerating universe, Sir Martin said. "Stock in the cosmological constant has gone up enormously.

Early last year, two rival astronomy teams reported observations of supernovas, exploding stars, both near and far. The measure of their velocities provided the first direct, if tentative, evidence of an accelerating expansion of the cos-

Mr. Turner called this the "smoking gun' for something else in the universe besides matter, ordinary or exotic, and that something must be the 'missing energy.' This could be the unvarying cosmological constant or some other form of repulsive energy in empty space, like the hypothesized quintessence, which supposedly varies over time.
In this case, the standard model for an

all-matter flat universe is dead — but lives on among cosmologists as a matterplus-exotic-energy flat universe. Still, some scientists cautioned against writing off the possibility of an open universe - what if there is not enough vacuum energy to reach critical density? Though the original inflation models hinged on a flat universe, theorists have now suggested ways to have an open universe within the framework of in-

With so many important questions still unanswered, P. James Peebles of Princeton University worried about premature celebration of a theory triumphant. "This is a wildly healthy field, but still in its early days," he said. "We've got a lot to do yet."

Mr. Peebles ended the symposium on a note of introspection about how successful science, particularly physics, is done. His division of the community was between classicists and romantics, defining the two with a musical analogy: Bach was a classicist, inventive but following a sharply defined paradigm, and Wagner a romantic, unbounded, soaring from conventional forms.
"The parallels with our present situ-

Strange World of the Math Crank

By George Johnson

TEW YORK - The letter. dated Christmas Day 1998 and addressed to a professor at the Niels Bohr Institute in Copenhagen, began portentously: Nowadays, we seek to comprehend our comprehensions and call that comprehensiveness knowledge in the mistaken belief that as a science it is immortal. Such omniscience diffuses like Helium-3 into the penetralia mentis of omnipotent impotency within any God-head such that any caveat actor is saved. . . . '

Within a few sentences, the writer was holding forth on Heisenberg's Uncertainty Principle and "the concept of nothing" as the empty set, before launching into speculations in-volving number theory: "And if 1 is excluded from being prime... it's enough to make me conjecture that infinity's prime and Riemann's Zeta function accounts for fractional charge subatomically just for the Higg's boson with an involucral matrix of ogdoad parity as midwife!"

The letter was typed single-spaced with the tiniest of margins and embellished with hand-drawn diagrams and colored annotations. Copies were sent to a list that included the linguist Noam Chomsky, the physicists John Archibald Wheeler, David Deutsch and Stephen Hawking, and the mathematician John Casti.

"It has all the hallmarks of a crank," said Casti, who is affiliated with the Technical University of Vienna and the Santa Fe Institute in New Mexico. "It's from his young Norwegian colleague amazing all the stuff you can get onto a Niels Heinrik Abel calling it "another of single piece of paper.

But was it not just possible that couched in the obscure mix of mathematics, physics and Egyptian mysti-cism ("ogdoad parity" refers to four pairs of gods with names like Darkness, Absence and Endlessness) there lay an important insight?



Underwood Dudley tracks the breed.

Didn't two Cambridge University mathematicians dismiss the great selftaught Indian number theorist Srinvasa Ramannjan as a crackpot when he sent league G.H. Hardy had the foresight to recognize Ramannjan as a genius. And didn't the great German mathematician Carl Friedrich Gauss foolishly throw those monstrosities"?

Casti was not too worried about the possibility. Though the stories of Rama-nujan and Abel linger in the backs of mathematicians' minds as they aim the latest unsolicited epistle toward the wastebasket, most become quickly jaded. "After several hundred of these things you get into that mode," said Ian Stewart, a mathematician at Warwick University in England. "It has to

"The writers of these letters range from pretty good amateur mathematicians who have made a mistake somewhere or skipped over an important step to people who are com-pletely mad," he said. "You get very strange mail in 17 different fonts and 14 colors and with an idiosyncratic

Many of the correspondents are in telligent, well-meaning, indefatigable souls who, in their untrained way, share the fascination mathematicians feel for the invisible world of num bers. And many are simply cranks.

Physicists get their share of mai from amateurs attempting to reconcile quantum mechanics and general re lativity or to show that Einstein was wrong. But the greater ease with which one can speculate about numbers has caused the mathematical crank to become enshrined in academic folklore.

The phenomenon is even documented in a 1992 book called "Mathematical Cranks" by Underwood Dudley, a mathematician at DePauw Unic versity in Indiana.

"I've been at this for a decade and still them long eccentric letters from India can't pin down exactly what it is the early in this century? Only their colley, who has met a few in person. "The are usually men, old men. All are in morless. None of them are fat," a characteristic he attributes to their obsessing personalities. "It's like obscenity— 20 can tell a crank when you see one.

With recent films like "Good Wi Hunting" and "Pi" giving mathematic a romantic sheen and popular new by ographies romanticizing the lives of the eccentric mathematicians Paul Erdi and John Nash, the flow of crank man will only increase, predicted John Alle Paulos, a mathematician at Temple Un versity in Philadelphia.

Study Looks at Best Ways to Read to Children

By Erica Goode New York Times Service

pulls her 4-year-old daughter onto her lap, opens the book author of the study.
"Madeline" and begins to In that format, Ms. Reese said, the read. "Do you see the 12 little girls in a adult introduces the book - explainline?" she asks, pointing at the picture.

At preschool, the teacher takes a dif-

"Did the little girls like Miss Clavel?" most likely to increase a child's vocabulary skills? According to a study by New Zealand researchers, it depends

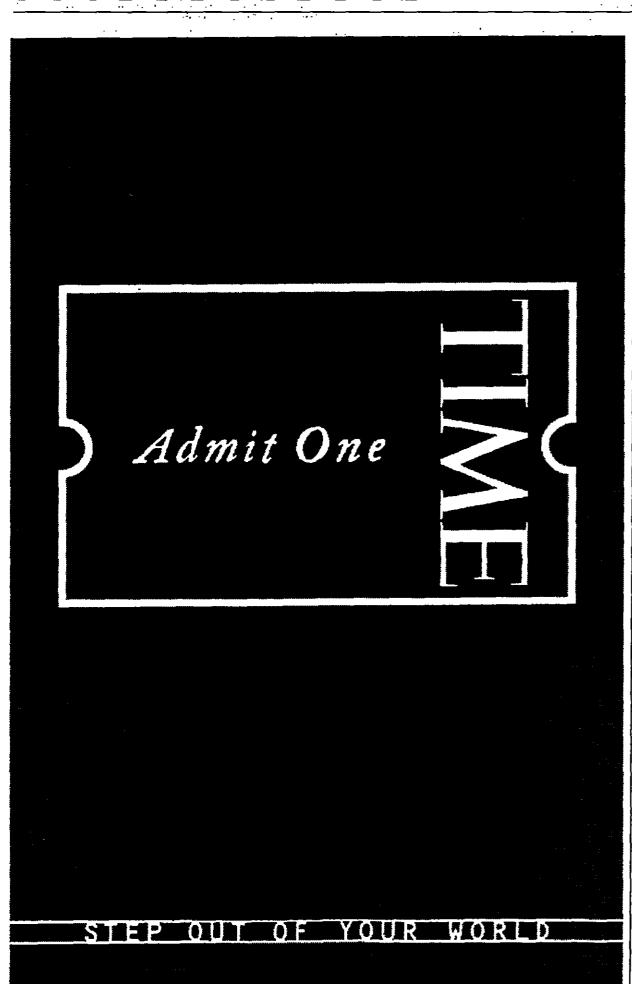
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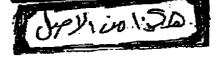
ferent approach: She reads the book all reads through the pages, and afterward the way through, then asks the children, poses a series of questions that explore the book and relate to the child's own Which style of interactive reading is life. Less advanced children, on the other hand, seem to profit more from a less demanding "describer" style of reading, Ms. Reese said, in which the Those with low adult interrupts the narrative frequently, pointing to and labeling pic- style of interaction.

are already fairly advanced seem to benefit most from a more demanding Forty-eight New Zealand 4-years "performance oriented" interactive olds participated in the study, a report of which was published in a recons issue of the journal Developmental Psychology. Adults read the boys and girls 32 books over a six-week period: using one of three different reading styles. Researchers tested the children's vocabulary skills at the begin-

ning and the end of the study. Children who entered the study with higher initial scores on the vocabulary. test showed greater gains when adult readers used the performance oriented

Those with lower initial vocabulary scores gained most from the describer





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Can Adjuncts Do the Job?

By Linda Perlstein

ASHINGTON — Compared to other industries, universities' product — knowledge — may be more abstruse, and their function more complex than turning out widgets. The way they have reshaped their work force, however, is taken right from the pages of Corporate America's handbook.

The "casualization" of labor — allowing the attrition of full-time staff, then replacing them with cheaper part-timers — has become commonplace in business, and just as much so in higher education. But while the poor conditions that part--time, or adjunct, professors face, such as temporary contracts or lack of benefits, are no different than those endured by parttimers in other fields, there is a growing clamor that the difficulties suffered by their "customers" — the students are unique and intolerable.

Lately, universities have been losing out in the zero-sum game of public funding and are under pressure to control tuition costs, as graduate programs are chuming out record numbers of PhDs. What used to be a temporary fix for sudden changes in enrollment or staffing needs is now, at many places, a way of life. Part-time professors make up nearly half of the faculty in America's institutes of higher education, compared to one-fifth 30 years ago, according to the U.S.

Department of Education.

The hardscrabble existence of part-timers who piece together a living course by course (usually getting between \$1,500 and \$2,000 for each) generally includes no health insurance, or phone number, or cost-of-living raises. They often commute between several colleges. Their schools don't pay their way to conferences, or their journal subscriptions. In some cases, they don't even get a library card.

It used to be that being a "gypsy scholar" or a "freeway flyer," as they are sometimes called, was temporary. When a full-time, tenure-track professor left, a part-timer could slip into that slot. Today, universities, particularly community colleges, just hire another part-timer or two instead. While half of part-timers wants to be part-time, another half doesn't, and they are no longer seen as potential permanent professors, but permanently damaged goods.

"When the numbers of part-time faculty first started

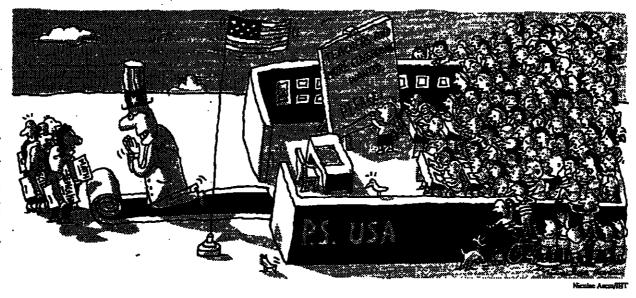
mushrooming, there was a lot of here one semester, gone the next," said Chris McVay, who teaches African-

American literature, German, English composition whatever she can scrape up - at Kent State University in Ohio. "Now, I'm telling you, it's the same faces, semester after semester after semester."

The notion of a frazzled class of workers trammeled in a rigid caste system has rankled many educators, including the American Association of State Colleges and Universities, which last month bemoaned their "frequently oppressive conditions.

But don't cry for the professors, says P.D. Lesko, editor of Adjunct Advocate magazine. "They're not 'poor adjuncts," she said. "They are people with graduate degrees who earn \$45 an hour." Instead, she and others say, pity their students

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$A\,Fresh\,Look\,at\,$ 'Special Needs'

By Robin Herman

ARIS — The children may have trouble with reading and writing and especially with spelling. Math can also be difficult. Once called "slow learners," they are now known as "learning disabled" in the United States, children with "learning difficulties" in Britain and France, and simply "children in need of special education" in Denmark.

Often ignored, or consigned to separate schools or hos-pitals if their disabilities were severe, these children are now gaining rights under a developing body of law in European countries. The laws specify that they are entitled to an education that meets their needs — in a normal classroom

The European trend toward "integration," as it is called, follows by perhaps 20 years the "mainstreaming" of such children in American schools, where special education teachers, as opposed to medical experts, use nonconventional teaching techniques to unlock learning potential in a Thus an average of 15 percent of Danish students are range of children, including those with subtle perception referred to special education, he said, with nearly all re-

"From the philosophical point of view, if you're han-

dicapped, you should have the same education as others," said Joergen Greve, head of the European Agency for Development in Special Needs Education, a two-and-ahalf-year-old agency of the European Commission. "You may need special materials and teaching, but you are not an ill person. It's a more humanistic approach.

The range of integration and the legal recognition of special needs still varies enormously across Europe. Denmark's law is the strongest — and in fact makes no distinction between learning disabled children and others. It dates from the 1980s, when special education was taken out of the realm of social services and placed in the Education

There is no special categorization; the same legislation covers 100 percent of the students," explained Joergen Hansen, head of the department of special needs education at the Ministry of Education in Denmark. "We don't have any description of which groups have a right to special education. Every time you have a new student, you have a

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growth and income.

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British universities look overseas for British boarding schools are opening up Developing nations aim to keep children Page 12. franchises in Southeast Asia. Page 14. in school while reducing the problem of In Britain, boarding schools try to attract a new generation of students with amenities

> like saumas and satellite TV. Page 14. Europe offers dropouts a second chance Page 13. with an emphasis on job skills. Page 15.

The United States has fallen short of the goals set at its 'education summit' in 1990.

Teacher Crisis Looms in U.S.

By Brian Knowlton

ASHINGTON — Amid rising enrollments and a surge in teacher retirements, the United States is heading into a decade of teacher shortages than could severely test the mettle and ingenuity of the nation's schools, educators say. Shortages are so bad in parts of the United States, and particularly in some subject areas, that recruiters are acting almost like sports agents, offering bonuses and entering into low-key bidding wars.

In Baltimore, new teachers who buy homes in the city can et \$5,000 grants. New York City school officials have gone is far afield as Austria and Spain to hire teachers. An Illinois program provides \$5,000 annual scholarships to college students who agree to teach five years in schools with high

poverty rates and poor achievement scores.

According to Education Secretary Richard Rikey, 2.2 million new teachers will be needed in the next decade, and officials at the U.S. Department of Education speak of being "jolted" by the enormous challenge of finding them.

Shortages are especially acute in some poor rural areas and big cities. More affluent districts, particularly in the suburbs, have fewer problems in recruiting teachers although some have struggled to find qualified teachers in mathematics, science and special education.

The student boom, which began more than a decade ago as the so-called echo boomers (the children of baby boomers) came of school age, is expected to continue for at least 10 years. This is particularly true in fast-growing Western and Southern states. California, for instance, will need to recruit 250,000 teachers in the next decade.

In addition, more than a million teachers are close to retirement age nationwide.

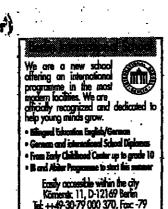
Some school systems have had to send administrators into the classrooms, at least temporarily, while others have induced retiring teachers to stay on. More than half of all school districts in the United States say they need more elementary teachers. Almost everywhere, there are classes being taught by people who lack full certification for their subject matter. One quarter of high school teachers lack college majors or minors in the fields they teach.

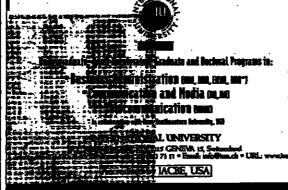
The fiscal year 2000 budget unveiled recently by President Bill Clinton envisions spending \$200 million on the second phase of a plan to hire 100,000 new teachers across the country over seven years. The new teachers are intended primarily to reduce class sizes, not to cope with larger enrollments. Mr. Clinton also wants states and school districts to reduce the proportion of teachers who lack college majors or minors in the subjects they teach, which would not help with the looming shortages.

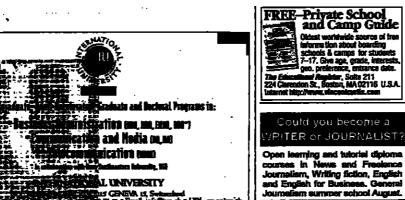
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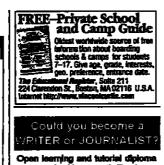
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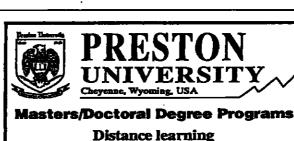
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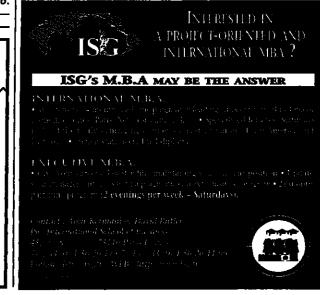


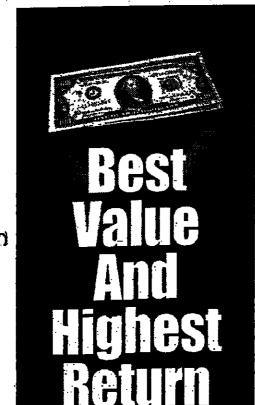




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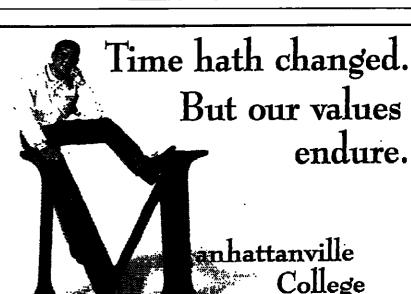


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ONDON — For generations, British beacons of higher education like the universities of Oxford and Cambridge have attracted foreign students to these shores. But increasingly it is the universities themselves that are sailing abroad.

Using every technique from distance learning by correspondence or the Internet to joint degree programs with affiliated institutions overseas, British universities are reaching more and more foreign students where they live.

The number of foreign students taking British university courses overseas has exploded from almost nothing 15 years ago to well over 100,000 today and is fast approaching the 200,000 foreigners who actually matriculate in Britain.

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question whether a degree earned overseas is as good as one obtained in Britain. But the trend appears likely to grow, inspiring imitation by universities in other major countries.

"Australia and the U.K. are indeed market leaders, and the

majority of developed industrial economies will follow their lead during the next 5 to 10 years," said a recent report, entitled "The Internationalization of Higher Education," by Paul Bennell, for the Institute of Development Studies at the University of Sussey in Brighton University of Sussex in Brighton.

The reasons for the growth are simple. Foreign students are a vital source of income at a time when domestic funding is under so much strain that the British government this year introduced fees of £1,000 (\$1,632) a year for students.

"There's a resource crunch in higher education," said

"It's pushing people to look toward more flexible means of provision to expand higher education.'

T THE SAME TIME, the global economic slowdown has reduced the number of foreign students ceiving this extra help in the able to pay full tuition and living expenses at a regular classroom. Addition-British campus.

According to the British Council, a government-funded body that promotes British culture and education, the number of students coming to British universities from Malaysia fell by 44 percent this year, to 2,127. But British degrees remain highly prized in today's global

marketplace, so more foreigners are enrolling without leaving "There are people who are joining the program because of the Asian economic crisis," said Susan Gidman, deputy

director of external programs at the University of London. A student can obtain a degree through the external program for only £2,000 in fees, a fraction of the £6,500 to £7,000 it costs per year for a foreign student to study on a London

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campus. In 1997, the most recent year for which statistics are same examiners available, the University of London had more than 22,000 "The quality students studying in 157 countries.

The bulk were in Southeast Asia, with more than 16,000 in Malaysia, Singapore and Hong Kong. Those have tradi-tionally been the largest markets for British universities because of colonial ties, the widespread use of the English language and the sheer demand and ability to pay for edu-

The Open University also has experienced dramatic growth, with Foreign students are a 21,000 of its 165,000 students now living outside Britain, including 6,700 in Eastern Europe, 5,500 in the European Union and 4,300 in Singapore.
The number of foreigners studying abroad has grown by 36 percent in just the last three years.

In addition to running the largest outreach programs, the University of London and the Open University pride themselves on retaining tight control over their course offerings.

The University of London works with some 130 academic institutions abroad, some of which are mere marketing con-

duits while others have been approved to provide facilities and staff to support external students. External students follow the same syllabus as their counterparts in Britain and take the

"The quality of the degree they are getting is the same,"

Ms. Gidman said. Other British universities offer a variety of study programs abroad, from joint degree programs with foreign institutions to franchise arrangements, in which a British-designed course is

instructed and administered by a foreign university.

Franchise courses are particularly popular in Greece, one of the biggest European markets for British universities.

A lot of the expansion comes from Britain's former 'polytechnics," institutions that obtained university status in 1992 along with the freedom to award degrees where and how they saw fit.

But the fast growth inevitably raises questions of quality, particularly when courses are delivered through an overseas institution.

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Universities have a very weighty responsibility to ensure that standards are maintained, wherever and however programs are being delivered." said Peter Williams, director of institutional review at the Quality Assurance Agency, which enforces standards and quality control among British uni-

same exams, albeit at a distance, which are corrected by the universities each year to verify their academic standards, Tribune.

examination procedures and the quality of any partner university. A chief concern is language. Because some foreign programs are instructed in local languages, a foreign student conceivably could obtain a British degree without speaking

The agency plans to revise its code of conduct this spring to recommend that British degrees obtained overseas stipulate the language of instruction and the location.

There are signs of resistance to extension programs in some countries. After all, British universities are a direct competitor to local institutions.

OLLOWING its return to Chinese control in 1997, Hong Kong has required that foreign universities register their courses with the authorities unless they are offered in partnership with a local institution. Israel imposed a similar requirement last year, while Dubai banned advertising by foreign universities.
Still, the demand for university degrees seems sure to

remain healthy, and the competition to provide them may only

"If British universities don't provide it, then they are going to go to the Australians or the Americans," said Michelle Crilly, distance learning manager at the British Council.

The agency audits perhaps 30 to 40 overseas arms of British TOM BUERKLE is on the staff of the International Herald

"There's a resource crunch in higher education," said Keith Williams, director of academic development at the Open University Britain's first and largest virtual university. Europe Takes a Fresh Look at Special Needs' 1988 and largest virtual university.

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ally, the law requires that edu-cational assistance be given from birth, so approximately 8 percent of preschool children also receive special instruction.

In Britain, "There have been huge moves forward," said Lindsay Peer, head of the British Dyslexia Association.

"We know that a reading problem is not created in the school but long before they come to school," Mr. Hansen said. "So special education is given in the direction of language development."

Dyslexia, one of the most common learning difficulties, causes problems distinguishing and ordering symbols, such as numbers and letters. It results from a difference in

to such a degree that they

She cited a 1994 "code of practice" law that sets down a timetable for promptly identifying a child's special edu-cational needs and providing enterprise: Children with the appropriate teaching. And attitudes toward dys-

lexia have improved, she said, prompted in part by recently published scientific evidence that the disability

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UT in Belgium, France, the Netherlands and Germany, special education remost serious difficulties are sent to specialized schools while the others remain in the normal system, where they

Mr. Greve said these countries still tend to have a medical approach to learning difficulties, treating them as physical or psychological dis-

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The education authority in Flemish Belgium just last chologically oriented ture," said Ariel Conte, head year recommended a new of CORIDYS, an advocacy policy of "inclusive education," aiming to keep more covered at age seven. group in France for people with neuropsychological dys-functions. "Parents waste at children of varying handicaps within the main school sysleast two to three years with psychologists before they start getting educational European mainstream school personnel In French public schools, teachers have not generally received training in recognizpresence of pupils with spe-cial educational needs as an

ing or teaching children with learning disabilities, accordunnecessary burden." Parental rights differ ing to a report by the Euroacross the Continent. In Denpean Commission's special mark, parents have final say needs agency. Special edu-cation is truly a specialty, reover whether their child will be taught in the classroom, in served for instructors at in-stitutions dedicated to blind a special class within the school or at a separate school, or deaf children or children Mr. Greve said. In Britain, he said, parents with severe mental or emo-

can express their preferences but cannot always be sure they are followed, while in parents rarely know where to France, "parents have been very limited until now in their seling and education of their influence on where the chil-

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> individual instruction one hour a day from a special edacation teacher in his school's "resource center." school also gave him a laptop computer to help him write and correct his class work.

"He's getting a lot of help now, and he's got a lot more confidence," Morphet, who believes sending Richard to a segregated school for handicapped children "would have brought him down further." Richard recently was moved out of a remedial English class into a

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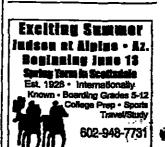
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normal grade level class. European officials see a looming problem stemming from the new cross-border job mobility of European Union citizens. For children who aheady have difficulty with the written language, a second language system can be insurmountable. And it may be hard for teachers to a recognize that missteps in a second language come from a learning disability.

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have proved very popular said, the administration said universities. That allows university is more than just a paper with those facilities," among Malaysian students. there was no market for it. Malaysian students to obtain place to acquire skills," said the Taylor's professor. Administrators at private a foreign university degree a Taylor's professor who without the cost of studying colleges defend their curcountry today, up from just a ricula, saying they are simply abroad. offering the courses that stuuniversities Foreign

provide the curriculum and And even critics of the the teaching materials - and private, profit-oriented col- ultimately the degree. The lo- tives." leges acknowledge that they cal college provides the fa-play an important role in cilities and the professors, Malaysia, offering a tertiary who must be approved by the education in a system with a foreign institution.

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Critics of the programs say students are obtaining the foreign degrees but missing out on less tangible aspects of a

wished to remain anonymous. very difficult." "It's a very precious space and time in our lives. But my have been very popular with students are being given very students and with the foreign narrow, career-driven objec-

Also at issue are the facilities provided by the private institutions. While the curriculum is the same as their foreign "twinned" university, the campuses, libraries and activities available to

"Academic reputation is based on so many things. You large state-run universities.

The benefits for these forstudents often differ greatly. sity to a new location and get the same results," Mr. Rustam said. "It's a very mechanical, business notion of

education," he added.
Taylor's College, which
has one of the biggest libraries of all private colleges in Malaysia, has 12 stacks of other academic related isbooks at its main branch about 30,000 titles.

"I think you would find it

Nonetheless, the programs universities. About 100 foreign universities have been licensed by the Malaysian Ministry of Education to participate in the programs, including Australia's Monash University, Britain's Manchester University and

other universities from the

eign institutions are clear. "They get a royalty," said Mr. Chew of Taylor's Col-

lege. "It's like a franchise thing." At Taylor's representatives of the foreign universities visit regularly to check on the curriculum and



A Taylor's College student walks past a sign advertising Australian education near Kuala Lumpur.

through regular andits. Quality is clearly a concern among educators, especially given the private colleges' corporate culture.

should not allow greed to are just no intellectual checks cloud their vision as educat- and balances. It's definitely ors," wrote Chok Suat Ling in the New Straits Times re cently. "Profits made should be put to good use --- to con-The Malaysian Ministry of tinually upgrade the quality

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the Singapore government.

Sumit Mandal, a lecturer at the state-run Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia, said: "In some ways, the private col-leges probably run more ef-ficiently. But when you are "Colleges and universities owned by a corporation, there

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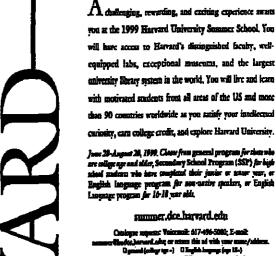
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Asians Redefine British Boarding School

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mous for bland food and a students, 75 percent of whom are That, and none of whom fill with weekly boarders, Harrow School, Dulwich eager to avoid lengthy com-College and Winchester Col- mutes through Bangkok lege now have ties to schools traffic, as well as pupils from

Mr. Morris said his school, boarding school experience at about 300,000 baht while upholding identical (\$8,105) per year, costs about (\$8,105) per year, costs about one third that of Harrow in parent school for a fraction of Britain. Certain students, he added, will even find that his Students at the six-month-old Harrow International its British counterpart. "We School sport straw boater hats concentrate very much on scisimilar to those worn at the ence and mathematics. I don't know how much Mandarin or Japanese Harrow offers,"

In fact, staff at the foreign cer balls in an empty concrete franchises often don't know the original schools terribly well. Nobody working at the The brims are not quite as Harrow International School stiff as those made in Eng. has taught at its British nameland," said the school's head-master. Stuart Morris. "We Dulwich International Colhave had our initial troubles, lege also worked at the orig-

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ganization that advises on sities." education. "Exam results are a narrow measure of success. Such well-regarded schools as Dulwich, Harrow and Winchester will jealously protect their good name and company, said students at Harshould indicate that the best row work much barder than possible standards for a broad education are being applied."
But some British-style

boarding schools in Asia, House school in England, the however, reckon that direct association with a prominent Bangkok is slower, according school based in the former to Edward Snow, 13, a Harcolonial power can also cause row pupil whose mother "To call our school the Bangkok.

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bubble burst just as plans for tions for which the parent parents," said Patrick Briggs, the school got under way, school is paid an annual fee. principal of Kolej Tuankn bankrupting the original in"The name is important in Ja'afar in Malaysia. "This use of famous school names is

terms of assuring parents that their children will get the nothing more than an adver- ter than British fare. whole range of what a British tising thing. Here in Malaysia it grates with the colonial said John Richards, director of past. Parents really care the British Council in Thai- whether we can send their land a government-funded or- children to the best univer-

> ATTHINEE Udbywants to be a chemist for a petroleum pupils in Thai schools and the uniform is stricter.

Compared to Marlborough pace of teaching at Harrow in teaches at Harrow in new sports activities."

"Sometimes there are

that Thai food was much bet-

"I liked the baked beans at my last school, but they basically dumped food on your tray and you could only say big or small," he said. "Here I can't even count the number

of dishes to choose from." Transplanting a British inananon, 17, who stitution overseas presents particular challenges, said Christopher Charleson, headmaster of Dulwich International College.

"It would be completely wrong to impose three centuries of tradition on a school that is just a few years old," Mr. Charleson said. "The climate, for one thing, made us change the boarding routine and uniform and introduce

Based on the Thai resort correspondent for the Inter-island of Phuket, Dulwich In-national Herald Tribune in headmaster did, can upset simple words that English ternational College's sprawl- Bangkok.

speakers know but the teacher ing facilities include a main has to explain to everyone building copied from the else," Edward said, adding original school in London, an Olympic-sized swimming pool and a vast area for play-

ing games.
Sixty percent of students at Dulwich are Thai while about 10 percent are British, Mr. Charleson said.

Unlike Harrow Bangkok, which offers standard British A-levels, the 270 secondary school students at Dulwich in Phuket work toward an International Baccalaureate diploma,

"The International Baccalaureate gives students more flexibility in terms of going to university in countries besides the United Kingdom," Mr. Charleson said, adding that about one third of graduates attend university in Britain.

THOMAS CRAMPTON is a



Stuart Morris, headmaster of Harrow School near Bangkok, with some of his pupils in straw boater hats.

In Britain, Schools Repackage Softer Image, (

By Barbara Rosen

ONDON - For generations, ing schools for an experience initely not meaner. often described as "toughening up." But economic times today would be largely unand social attitudes have recognizable to the "old boys changed. These days, cold and girls" of yore. And while dormitories and colder many schools used to rely showers are more likely to put heavily on family descenoff, rather than attract, prospective parents — not to mention their progeny. And ing school without a dithe schools themselves have nated marketing person. had to learn a hard lesson: adapt or die.

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Government sector boarding schools in England in 1993; in 1998, there were 772. Today's inhave sent their chil- dustry is stronger and leaner, dren to British board- advocates say, but most def-The boarding experience

dants to fill the rolls, these days it is rare to find a boarding school without a desig-

"Schools have become a second home." much more of a service in-

statistics dustry" over the last four or show there were 814 private- five years, "very conscious of their customer and providing what their customer needs, said Ann Williamson of the Boarding Education Alliance, a promotional group repre-senting about 180 schools.

"The schools have in fact changed, but the public this," Ms. Williamson said, Today, she said, "What you get out of boarding school is she said. Many schools offer continuity, consistency and security." She added, "It's not sending your child 'away.' It's giving your child

Research commissioned by the Boarding Education Alliance in 1996 found that, in order to survive, boarding schools had to update their ilies as well as longtime ones, students as well as parents.

boarders to be comfortable, well fed and easily accessible and we can provide tooth-to their families, Ms. Willi-amson said, adding that 40 an English teacher who also

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percent of boarders' parents live within an hour's drive. "I was very lucky if I ever

got to see my parents at all in three months," recalled Jane Laing, head of Friends' School, Saffron Walden, in Essex. And she couldn't call home either. Today, most students at Friends' have phone doesn't seem to be aware of cards, "and they can telephone their parents anytime they want, within reason,"

> tually ask to board. At St. Andrew's School in Eastbourne, research found many day pupils wanted to sleep at school.

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ing. "When you're thinking about paying a baby-sitter, you're evidently better off." It has been such a success

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school success, answering the needs of parents with busi-FTEN, the schools ness trips as well as those of said, day pupils ac- students with extracurricular activities

Friends' even offers sleepover weekends built around sports and arts and crafts, which are aimed as much at image and aim it at different groups: new money as well as drew's began the "sleep- as their own. "It isn't the kind old, first-time boarding famour over." Parents can phone on of thing that we would have Ethelburga's graduates go on

> burga's College, a secondary school, uses national TV and tions. Bedrooms (some singles) are equipped with satellite TV and video, plus BARBARA ROSEN is a freepay phone with answering lance journalist based in

serves as director of market- heated towel rack. Older girls (boys board only until age 11) have access to a sauna and

Queen Ethelburga's was founded in 1912; in 1991, it was bought by a parent/busipresent site. Over the years, more has changed than just what meets the eye, said the principal, Erica Taylor. While creasingly popular as final principal, Erica Taylor. While exams approach, she added.
Such "flexi-boarding" has she said, the socio-economic regular e-mail contact as become a pillar of boarding mix of families, as well as what they want out of boarding school, is much different.

Previously, "The children we had had mothers who were old girls, whereas our present population are almost exclustvely first-time buyers," Ms. Taylor said. "Before it used to be old money, and now it's

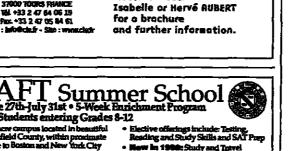
to higher education. compared with about 10 percent in the old days. Ms. Taylor said. 'On the old site we were aca-Near York, Queen Etheldemically reasonable, and it would be fair to say we turned out young ladies," she said. radio and worldwide print ads "Now we are academically to trumpet its many attraction," and turning out "career women."

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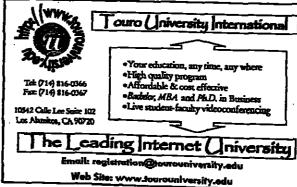
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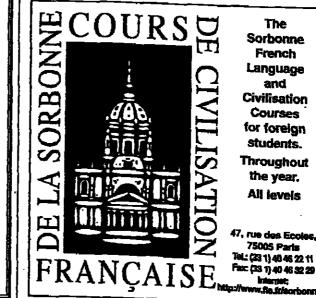
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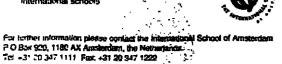
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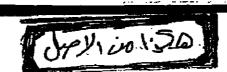
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cases gone for naught. The second problem is students who stay in the same grade for more than one year. These repeaters take up space and consume teaching time, textbooks and other resources that might otherwise be devoted to other students.

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Students frequently drop out of school for reasons beyond

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HEN Guatemalan educators set out in the early 1990s to improve the teaching of Mayan-speaking children in rural areas, they faced a doubleedged problem. Not only were low numbers of such pupils enrolling in primary schools, many of those who did enroll were either dropping out or repeating grades. Schools, in short, were wasting precious resources on students who were not graduating in a timely fashion.

To combat what has come to be known as the problem of "wastage," the government in 1990 adopted a "childcentered" approach to primary schooling. Teachers were taught to manage multi-grade classrooms and to engage students in "active learning." Blackboards were taken down from front walls and carved up into slates for each pupil, and student work began to appear on classroom walls.

Nearly a decade later, Guatemala had increased not only the number of Mayan-speaking children attending school but also the proportion who were graduating six years later. According to government figures, 54 percent of first graders in the New Multi-Grade School are now reaching the fifth grade, compared with only 25 percent in a control group of schools.

The search for ways to prevent wastage involves educators in many developing countries and international agencies assisting them. "Reducing wastage is one of our major priorities," said Dieter Berstecher, director of the Global Action Program on Education for All of UNICEF in Paris.

A recent UNESCO publication, "Wasted Opportunities: When Schools Fail," estimated the total annual cost of repetition at \$6 billion and calculated that financing repetition repetition at \$6 billion and calculated that financing repetition in the first four grades consumes 16 percent of the education budgets of countries in less developed regions.

Nine years ago, at the World Conference on Education for All in Jointien, Thailand, educational and political leaders dropouts is almost a requirement for the said. "Having dropouts is almost a requirement for the said."

from both developing and developed nations agreed to get educational system."
behind a major global push to increase primary school enrollment, and significant progress has been made toward this EDWARD B. FISKE is a former education editor of The New goal. According to UNESCO, the total number of primary York Times He is also the principal author of the UNESCO. school pupils rose from 600 million in 1990 to 650 million in report, "Wasted Opportunities: When Schools Fail." 1995, outpacing population growth. Most of the growth

occurred in developing countries.

As enrollment figures began to move upward, attention began to shift to whether school systems were using their scarce resources in the most efficient way.

Educators say the problem of wastage is really two problems. The first is dropouts who leave school before completing the primary school cycle. Since research shows that many of these students are likely to relapse into illiteracy, the time and money spent on their partial education has in many

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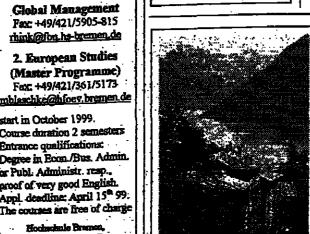
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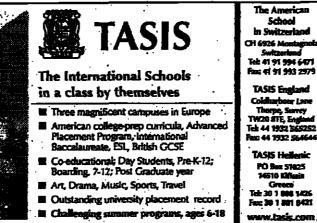
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A Second Chance for Dropouts EUPilot Projects Teach Self-Esteem and Job Skills

By Barry James

RUSSELS --- Across Europe, towns are making it easier for school dropouts to drop back in. In a rising trend, many cities and regions have opened or are planning to open so-called second chance schools, where the emphasis is on self-esteem and accomplishment rather than diplomas.

The schools arise out of the realization that young people who leave regular schools with no or low qualifications stand little chance of finding a good job in a technological and scientific age. Having experienced failure and unemployment themselves, they are often among the keenest to realize the value of an education that guarantees a job.

Until now, there has been little or no formal structure to cope with their problems and needs. Yet the growing number of unqualified workers is an important contributor factor to Europe's chronically high level of unemployment. Each year, some 60,000 young people leave secondary education in France with no qualifications. That adds up to hundreds of thousands of people in France, and millions across Europe, with little opportunity of finding well-paid work.

This leaves two options, according to Robert Garzunel, director of a second chance school in Marseille. "Either you leave them on the margins of society and condemn them to a permanently precarious existence, which in any event will have a cost for society, or you give them the means to get back on the track.'

The problem has preoccupied Edith Cresson ever since she was prime minister of France under President Francois Mitterrand. Now the European commissioner for education and research, she has put commission resources, expertise and some limited funding behind the second chance schools, one of the priorities of her five-year mandate.

The schools work under the premise that what failed students the first time round is unlikely to motivate them the second time either. So they look for elastic, innovative teaching methods — anything, in fact, that works.

In Cambodia, for example, 4 out of every 10 pupils oc-cupying a primary school seat at any given time are repeaters. The Asian Development Bank estimated that serving these In Marseille's tough northern district, for example, where youth unemployment rises above 50 percent, students learn French by writing a play and performing rap songs. They learn about computers by putting together their own Web site. They absorb principles of mathematics and physics by building a There are social and personal costs as well. "Pupils who are mountain bike from scratch. They learn about biology, diet and health by engaging in marathon running and other sports. These are all projects that require months of work, enabling students for the first time to concentrate on long-term projects with a definite goal at the end.

Another important factor is that the schools recruit the best teachers, not the worst — people who know how to instill motivation and confidence — and have a high ratio of teachers to students. Mr. Garzimel stressed that second chance did not

Neither is it cheap. Turning a dropout into a productive member of society costs some 50,000 francs (\$8,591) over three years, but that is a relative bargain compared to the 700,000 francs typically spent to educate a student at one of the country's elite Grandes Ecoles, and a net saving to society BARRY JAMES is on the staff of the International Herald when the cost of unemployment is taken into account.

So far, the method appears to be working. Since opening early last year, the Marseille school has had only one dropout among its 120 students, who are about evenly divided between males and females and all aged between 18 and 22. Now the city is building a school intended to accommodate 500 to 1,000 students in 2001.

In England, where obligatory state education ends at 16, a second chance school in Leeds meshes with the government's welfare-to-work system, and includes persistent truants, pre-viously disruptive pupils and people with dyslexia, an impaired ability to read, among its students. "We are all having to get used to changes in society, which mean that a second chance, a third chance or even a fourth may become necessary as we have to learn new skills and adapt ourselves to qualify for new jobs," said Education Secretary David Blunkett.

Other pilot projects have been set up or are planned in Spain, Germany, Italy, Finland, Sweden, Denmark, the Netherlands, Portugal and Greece. They share experiences, electronically or through visits, and make their research available to a growing number of towns and regions that have expressed interest in setting up similar schools. As the system expands, students are able to take advantage of EU programs enabling them to continue their studies in other countries.

Paradoxically, the second chance schools are needed not because of the failure of traditional schooling, but because of an improvement in education standards. In France, the baccalaurente awarded at the end of secondary schooling used to be the province of only an elite intended for higher education. Now some three-quarters of students leave with a bacca-laureate or professional qualification, and even many basic jobs require not only a high school diploma but a couple of years of university besides.

This makes the plight of those left behind without qualifications ever more dramatic. They are the victims of globalization, competing for low-paid jobs with sometimes betterqualified workers on the other side of the world. Apprenticeships are one answer to the problem, but they often require commitment and dedication that place them beyond the reach of dropouts.

Planners recognized that the motivation for students was not the possibility of education per se but rather the prospect of getting a job. So they put the cart before the horse by lining up a job with a local company for every student they accept. Students alternate, attending school for a month and then working for 15 days, with the assurance of a permanent job when they graduate.

The purpose of the second chance schools is not to dis-tribute diplomas and qualifications, although students can work toward these if they wish, It is, said Mr. Reiffers, to recognize that every person is a valuable human being with skills and qualities.

The problem is that the schools only scratch the surface of a major social problem in Europe. Mr. Garzunel has resources and job promises to accept only one out of five applications from a limited age group. But the hope is that the experience of the pilot projects will lead to many more such schools and a flowering of ideas.

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doors have opened to young women. Meantime, amid low unemployment and dynamic growth in high-tech sectors, business is snapping up young graduates with math or science majors, aggravating teacher shortages in those subjects.

A math, physics and computer science teacher at a top public high school in Virginia received eight job offers in business in the past year, he told The Washington Post, some for more than twice his \$60,000 annual salary.

In addition, attrition rates among high. Teachers often cite working conditions as a bigger concern than money. This is particularly true in big cities, more teachers were needed. But now, younger counterparts. where new teachers are assigned the parents and employers are demanding toughest classes, often with little support that graduates be better prepared. School or guidance. Nationwide, more than 20 systems are trying to reduce class sizes; percent of new teachers quit within the they also want to toughen teacher cer-

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Shortages are particularly acute in certain subject areas. Two-thirds of U.S. school districts say they need more math nonprofit group.

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the figure approaches 50 percent.

Yet, more and more classrooms are "Imagine the outcry if a quarter of all being supervised by underqualified teachers, those with no teaching license first three years," Mr. Riley said last or else an emergency or temporary to establish mentoring and other pro- new teachers hired last fall by the Los Angeles Unified School District had

Faced by extraordinary shortages, school districts say they need more math teachers. More than 8 school districts in dinary strategies. The Massachusetts recruitment that will help entice young 10 report an immediate need for special Department of Education, for example, people into careers in education is to education teachers, according to a sur- sent recruiters on a 48-campus tour, vey by Recruiting New Teachers Inc., a offering a \$20,000 bonus for 50 aspiring teachers who agree to teach in the state's Pressure on the schools for better neediest urban school districts. Masyounger teachers are extraordinarily results has also exacerbated teacher sachusetts also offers a mentoring program that pays veteran teachers up to times lowered hiring standards when \$5,000 a year to work closely with

The 50 new teachers, however, will only make a small dent in the 3,000 salary: \$36,000. openings the state needs to fill each year through about 2004.

people into careers in education is to restore the attractiveness of teaching careers, starting with increases in salaries in some of the lower-paying districts. Consider the case of Mary Beth Ble-

en of rural Minnesota, who was named National Teacher of the Year in 1996. With 30 years' experience, she could be said to be at

the pinnacle of her profession. Her

BRIAN KNOWLTON is on the staff of In the long run, the only sort of the International Herald Tribune.

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and Universities and the Modern Language Association spend as much time telling universities to prepare their graduate students for the life of an adjunct as they do telling them to treat adjuncts better.

But what courses do you offer to groom someone for a situation like that of Brooke Jacobson? Professor Jacobson, 62, has been teaching film history and criticism for a decade at Portland State University and whatever other area schools would hire her. During the last five years or so, she has taught just two courses a term. Last year she made \$2,896 per course. She gets by, but her students suffer. "You never have time off. You never have the possibility of a sabbatical, research, writing, re-thinking the course matter," she said.

This October, her two classes already posted in the course bulletin, Professor Jacobson was told there was not enough money to hire her for the winter term, which began last month. So she collects unemployment. Finally, a sabbatical.

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By Edward B. Fiske

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usher in the new millennium, it is obvious that the president and the governors over-reached. In its latest annual update, the National Education Goals Panel, a bipartisan body set up to monitor progress toward the goal, reported that, while progress has been made in many areas, none of the eight goals is even close to being fulfilled.

"The nation still has a long way to go," conceded Governor Cecil Underwood of West Virginia, the panel's

The failure of the United States to reach any of the national goals confirms the skepticism of many critics, especially educators, who viewed the education summit meeting and the goal-setting process as little more than publicity stunt.

For many others, however, the failure of the country to attain these lofty objectives highlights both the diffi-culties inherent in improving schools and the impact that the national goals, unrealistic though they may have been, have had on the politics of American education.

"The education summit created a political environment that made it grades. possible to make fundamental changes in the way American public schools operate," said Marc Tucker, president of the National Center on Education and the Economy in Washington. "The governors took the goals

standards for student performance and new accountability measures for schools. We have yet to see how these ASHINGTON — Nine forces will play out, but the effects years ago, President will be profound."

George Bush convened In its report, the panel said that the

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The panel also noted progress to-ward Goal 8, which calls for more By 2000, they proclaimed, 9 out of 10 U.S. students would be graduating from high school, and all students would leave grades 4, 8 and 12 "having demonstrated compatible."

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ing demonstrated competency over challenging subject matter" in all core academic areas.

In their most ambitious target of all, the political leaders pledged that, by the same year, American students would be "first in the world in mathematics and science achievement."

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On the other hand, the panel noted that the proportion of students graduating from high school has held steady at 86 percent — 4 percentage points between 1995 and 1996, according to data from the U.S. Department of Education. little progress has been made toward the higher student achievement targets that constituted the heart of the goalsetting process.

The most conspicuous failing has to do with the hope that U.S. students would lead the world in math and science by the turn of the century. The panel cited some progress in math achievement as measured by the National Assessment of Educational Progress, a federal project that samples student performance at key grades, and it noted that the proportion of students earning college degrees in math and science has risen since 1990 in 47 states.

The panel acknowledged, however, that the results of the recent Third International Mathematics and Science Study were disappointing. Results showed that, while U.S. students were among the best in the world in science in the fourth grade, the scores of eighth graders and high school seniors were only mediante. I ikewise in niors were only mediocre. Likewise in math: U.S. fourth graders ranked a respectable seventh among 25 participating countries, but scores slipped sharply in the two more advanced

The panel also reported little progress in goals related toward a more skilled teaching force, greater adult literacy rates and reaching the point where every American school will be

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South Korea Gains A Moody's Upgrade

Seoul Views Move as Certifying Its Recovery

By Don Kirk

three-day Lunar New Year holiday Monday with the kind of endorsement its leaders had wanted most — an upgrade of its sovereign ratings from junkbond to investment-grade status by Moody's Investors Service Inc.

The upgrade by Moody's late Friday in New York capped a series of increasingly upbeat assessments by in-fluential visitors more than 14 months after the South Korean economy had sunk to its lowest depths since immediately after the Korean War.

"Korea has made extraordinary progress in undertaking reforms," Donald Johnston, secretary-general of the Organization for Economic Cooper-ration and Development. "Korea has ac-celerated reform progress and has moved rapidly to redress serious struc-

Such comments typified the response of visitors including representatives of the International Monetary Fund, which pieced together a rescue package of nearly \$60 billion in December 1997 when the country had only several billion dollars in foreign exchange reserves and was unable to pay off short-term debts. South Korean officials regarded the upgrade by Moody's as a final stame of approval showing that the country had for the buildup of foreign exchange resurvived the worst of the economic serves, stabilization of the exchange rate terisis. Both Fitch IBCA and Standard & and the decline in interest rates with Poor's Corp. raised their ratings in January, but officials here viewed the rating of Moody's, the oldest and most pres-tigious of the rating agencies, as the final

international seal of approval on their efforts at resuscitating the economy. We have to make the right decision SEOUL - South Korea will open the to send the right signal to the investment

community," said Thomas Byrne, Moody's lead analyst on South Korea. With the Moody's endorsement, of-ficials expect to attract both equity and foreign direct investment, which is viewed as essential to fulfilling the forecasts of both the Finance Ministry and the International Monetary Fund of a 2 percent increase in the gross national product this year after a 6.8 percent decline last year.

"Whenever they change their ratings on Korea, there's a market reaction," said Byun Yang Ho, director of the Finance Ministry's international finance division. "Whenever they announce good news, the market price gets better for our government bonds."

qualifications, reflecting a widespread view among experts that South Korea still has far to go, and could suffer a relapse if it fails to follow through on

"We shouldn't be euphoric about the increase in gross national product," said Mr. Byrne. "This is an economy in a recovery phase, but more people will be memployed and income will be declin-

ing."
The Moody's report balanced praise worries about rising unemployment and the failure of the country's chaebol, or conglomerates, to restructure quickly. "Despite the favorable outlook, do-



Union chief Klaus Zwickel, left, listening to Juergen Peters, his deputy, at a press conference at the IG Metall headquarters in Frankfurt.

mestic adjustment will be long and dif-But the improved ratings came with 'ficult,' said the report, predicting that radifications, reflecting a widespread growth "will likely be accompanied with stubbornly high unemployment and

> admitted in 1996, cited strengthening of the banking sector, industrial restructuring and improved social welfare for the unemployed as major needs.

> But he argued against the view that South Korea was not economically strong enough to qualify for membership in the organization at the time that it joined.

Moody's said it was raising South Korea's foreign currency country ceiling for long-term bonds and notes to Baa-3 from Ba-1 and the foreign curto Ba-2 from Caa-1. "The outlook is again."

positive for both foreign currency coun try ceilings," it said, while the rating for the government's won obligations was set at Baa-1 "with a stable outlook." Moody's cited South Korea's "vastly

falling real wages."
Moody's cited South Korea's "vastry improved external liquidity position" as OECD shortly before South Korea was well as steps to liberalize foreign investment and "put into place a comprehensive framework for reform and restructuring of the financial and corporate sectors.

Mr. Byrne, whose final review last week resulted in the apprade, saw the sense of official optimism here as helpful in itself in improving the economy.

"They've gone from a state of pain to feeling, 'Maybe we'll pull out of this,'"
he said. "The psychology is changing here. If people feel their jobs and income

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Bridgewater said.

IG Metall's Timetable Sees Early Strike Vote

By John Schmid ional Herald Tribute

FRANKFURT — Leaders of IG Metall, Germany's largest union, said Sunday they would take a ballot of union members in a critical industrial region soon on their willingness to strike, ignoring warnings that the settlement the union seeks will lead to layoffs.

But the union's president, Klaus Zwickel, also offered a last-chance opportunity to avoid a strike and settle its 1999 contract through a hastily arranged round of arbitration.

"For a peaceful resolution of the conflict, this mediation is the very last chance," Mr. Zwickel said after an extraordinary meeting of its board Sun-

Mr. Zwickel imposed a deadline of Wednesday to arrive at an 11th-hour settlement through mediation.

Mr. Zwickel said he was giving in-dustrial employers only three days' notice "because we will neither delay the strike vote nor abandon the strike prep-

arations under way.' The declared timetable for arbitration leaves little time to bridge a wide gap between the two sides. The union, which demands a 6.5 percent raise in its initial bargaining position, has insisted it will

not settle for less than 4 percent. Industry, which put up a formal offer of 2.8 percent, has until now been unable in the closed-door talks to go beyond about 3.3 percent or 3.4 percent, sources

Gesamtmetall employers federation,

The union, which historically has limited its walkouts to single vulnerable regions rather than blanket the entire country, this time chose the southwestern state of Baden-Wuerttemberg, the heart of Germany's automotive and high-tech industries. Nestled near the state's Black Forest region are some of Germany's industrial jewels, including Daimler-Chrysler AG, Porsche AG, Robert Bosch But while the drop in Brazil's currency hurts competing manufacturers in other Latin nations, the impact won't be GmbH and many of the nation's leading automotive-component suppliers. as large, according to a recent analysis

by Bridgewater Associates Inc., a Con-Barring a last-minute settlement, the strike vote would begin in the state next Monday, setting the stage for a potential-full-blown walkout March 1. The un-That is because Brazil's manufactured exports - footwear, anto parts and ion's ballot is widely expected to gather steel being the biggest categories members to launch a strike. The union "What this points to is less contagion establishes wages for 3.4 million inpressure for other Latin and South dustrial workers and traditionally sets a benchmark for wage talks for German unions in other sectors.

Stakes are high for the German economy, and industry leaders repeated their nation of all, though, for the lack of a warnings that a strike would only worsen the nation's unemployment crisis. Mr. Stumpfe said it could not raise its offer without putting jobs at risk.

In calling for a strike vote, the union If President Fernando Henrique Carbrushed off a letter from Chancellor Gerdoso is forced to suspend payments on hard Schroeder, who appealed to avert a strike that could put the economy at the country's debts, or if he resorts to the inflationary printing of money, the global repercussions could be far more dam-

"I ask you very urgently to make use

of all possibilities, together with your

negotiating partners, to peacefully resolve this wage dispute," Mr. Schroeder wrote Friday in a letter to both the union and the employers federation. A strike would endanger the country's "wobbly" economic picture, Mr. Schroeder said.

The strike would also come amid a sharp slowdown in Europe's most

pivotal economy just as the economic crisis in Asia and Latin America was hurting German exports. Finance Minister Oskar Lafontaine warned Friday that the European econ-

omy as a whole was at risk of a "rapid deterioration."

Given the short notice, arbitration talks probably could begin before Tuesday, union sources said Sunday. The union appointed Hans-Jochen Vogel, a member of Mr. Schroeder's Social Democratic Party and justice minister under former Chancellor Helmut Schmidt, as mediator. But Mr. Vogel probably cannot convene any negotiations until Tuesday, union officials

Dieter Hundt, president of the German Employers Federation, warned of possible "catastrophic consequences" from a metalworkers strike. In an interview with the newspaper Tagesspiegel, Mr. Hundt said a strike would slow the economy and eliminate jobs.

News Corp. **And Italian** Pay-TV Unit **Cease Talks**

ROME — Telecom Italia SpA, a leading phone company in Italy, ended talks to sell as much as 80 percent of Stream, its cable and satellite television unit, to Rupert Murdoch's News Corp. after a new law created hurdles for the agreement.

Telecom Italia, which negotiated with News Corp. for almost a year and reached a preliminary accord in December, did not say what its plans now were for Stream. The unit lost \$180 million last year.

News Corp. had intended to use Stream as a launching pad to bid about \$1.2 billion for all TV broadcasting rights for the first division soccer matches in Italy. But the Italian government last month capped broadcast rights for the Serie A soccer club to 60 percent.

News Corp. Europe said Saturday it still wanted to enter the Italian pay-TV market despite a breakdown in its talks to buy Stream. "Soccer clearly was the main

breaking point for the talks," said Francesco Mantica, who helps manage \$500 million in Cassa Lombarda, a Milan-based private bank. The breakdown in talks leaves two main options for Stream --

trying to sell a large stake to the French broadcaster TF-1 SA, or merging with another Italian pay-TV company, Telepiu SpA, a unit of Canal Plus SA, analysts said.

Telepiu, whose other shareholders include the state broadcaster RAI SpA and Fininvest SpA, the media holding company of former Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi, has long called for the creation of a unified Italian pay-TV system to share in-

pay-TV platform, something that would save costs for all, much more likely," said Paola Toschi, an analyst at AFV Milla SIM in Milan. Telepiu declined comment.

other companies including Telefonica SA, a large phone company in Spain, and DirecTV Inc., a leading provider of satellite TV in the United (Bloomberg, Rewers)

Markets Showing Immunity to Brazil's Problems

By Paul Blustein ington Post Service

WASHINGTON — Well, maybe it does not matter that much if the eighthargest economy in the world goes down

That is the verdict global financial markets appear to be rendering on Brazil's economic crisis, which mpact on other countries and regions. Exactly one month has passed since Brazil was forced to devalue its currency, the real, and Brazil's outlook has

gone from bad to wretched since then, with interest rates soaring, the real turnbling and the economy predicted to contract by as much as 6 percent this year. Yet in marked contrast with the worldwide upheaval in stock, bond and currency markets that followed the

crises in Russia in Augustand Asia in the quickly shrugged off their initial jitters. "We've had a 35 percent devaluation of the currency of a big economy something we were very frightened

point of view it seems to be something of emerging market bond yields above U.S. became much cheaper research at Salomon Smith Barney Inc. into such risky investments.

America is expected to fall into reces-

ANALYSIS gion's troubles. Large corporations in

countries such as Argentina and Mexico - unlike their governments - are shut out from raising international money unless they are willing to pay punish ingly high interest rates. Also, the slump in demand from Brazil, an important market for many Latin companies, is hitting some exporters bard.

But the impact has been far less severe than the panic last fall when Russia months before that, markets have abruptly devalued the ruble and effectively defaulted on much of its debt.

After the Russian debacle, worldwide bond markets almost ceased to function. One key barometer of investor nervous-

a nonevent," said Desmond Lachman, Treasury bond yields, which reflects managing director of emerging markets lenders' reluctance to put their money

By contrast, in the month since It's not that Brazil's neighbors have Brazil's devaluation, the spread — escaped unscathed. Much of Latin though still wide by historical standards - has eased from more than 15 persion this year, and centage points above U.S. Treasury is-Brazil's woes are signif- sues to about 12 percentage points.

give offers hope that the global crisis may be abating rather than merely taking a brief respite

Or, as a former IMF official puts it: "In the post-Russia situation, investors have been chastened. So you didn't have the same sort of massive flight after Brazil, partly because the flight had already taken place."

Some economists offer another explanation for the relatively benign aftermath to the turbulence in Brazil: The decline in the real won't hart other countries' economies as much as the fall in Asian currencies did.

When the Thai baht fell, it posed a serious threat to manufacturers in neigh-

global market meltdown is that it remains unclear whether Brazil will surmount its economic problems — in particular, its huge budget deficit — and regain investor confidence.

about last fall — and now from a global ness roughly doubled—the "spread" in boring countries because Thai exports

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Web Ads Anger Trademark Owners

EW YORK - Estee Lauder and Playboy Enterprises are aligned in a fight over their names that could help chart the future of advertising on the In-ternet. In separate lawsuits, the perfume maker and the publisher say Web sites are improperly selling the advertising that is displayed when someone types in the company's name to search for an Internet site.

Advertising linked to search words - "keywords" in Internet parlance - Internet companies and lawyers are is a major source of revenue for Web anxiously watching the cases, which sites, but the legality of using trademarked names has not been resolved in world of cyberspace law.

Estee Lander sued the Web search site Excite last month in federal court in New York, saying that such ads infringed upon its trademark, fostered unfair competition and constituted Jupiter Communications. false advertising. The suit seeks an

user who types in the words "Estee for roughly 25 percent of on-line ad-

tioning the company. Also displayed: lion in 1998, according to the Internet A big banner ad for Fragrance Counter Advertising Bureau. Inc., a small on-line retailer of perfume and makerp. Fragrance Counter paid Excite for that ad and for the link to Estee Lander.

Playboy Enterprises sued Excite and Netscape last week in federal court in California and took its complaint a step further than Estee Lauder did. Playboy said the sites had "hijacked and usurped" its good name by linking it to ads for pornography sites.

could set precedents in the evolving There could be major repercus-

sions for Web companies trying to make money," said Drew Ianni, an analyst specializing in on-line advertising for the Internet research concern puter Law Association.

Keyword advertising sells for an average of \$40 for every 1,000 times the injunction barring the ads. erage of \$40 for every 1,000 times the On Excite's Web site, a computer ad is displayed. These ads now account Lauder" gets a list of Web pages men-vertising revenue, which totaled \$2 bil-

Typically, a Web site will link generic words such as "car" to a Ford ad or "recipes" to a hot new cookbook. However, Mr. Ianni estimated that about 5 percent of overall revenue came from sales of trademarked keywords.

Court decisions have generally given companies the right to an Internet address, using their trademarked name. That means that if Estee Lander wanted to list its corporate Web site as www.esteelauder.com, it could. The in-

stead chose www.elcompanies.com. Keywords are the latest frontier. "This is really the second generation of cyberspace law," said John Soma, a professor at the University of Denver's law school and a director of the Com-

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U.K. Recession May Already Be Under Way, Forecast Says

aging than anything seen to date.

LONDON - The British economy is likely to be already in a recession, albeit a very mild one, on tumbling demand both at home and abroad, a leading research organization said Monday.

Oxford Economic Forecasting and the London Business School said in a joint forecast there was little that Chancellor of the Exchequer Gordon Brown could or should do in his March budget to ease the slump this year. The gross domestic product will prob-

ably contract in both the first and second quarters of this year, the forecasting or-ganization said, fulfilling the definition of a "technical" recession. Growth for the year would be around 0.4 percent, compared with 2.5 percent in 1998, it said. Its full-year forecast is broadly in line with forecasts by other economists but

percent predicted by the Treasury. another one percentage point off GDP matched by increases elsewhere.

well below the growth of 1 percent to 1.5

growth in 1999," it said.

Domestic demand growth, too, has slowed sharply to its lowest level since 1992, with consumer demand "disap-pointing," it said. The forecast saw unemployment rising from 4.6 percent of the work force now to 5.5 percent by year's end and 6.2 percent by the end of 2000. But, the forecast said, there were good reasons for expecting the recession to be much milder than in 1990-91.

Inflation was only a quarter the level of 1990, interest rates were already much lower than at the beginning of the last recession, and household finances were not overstretched as they were a decade ago, it said.

Interest rates should fall from the current level of 5.5 percent to 5.0 percent by the summer, it said, but there was no reason rates could not go lower if activity was weaker than expected.

The forecasters said they expected "With world trade growth falling Mr. Brown's budget on March 9 to be from over 10 percent in 1997 to around 5 broadly neutral in fiscal policy terms, percent now, we expect net trade to cut with any headline-grabbing tax cuts

vestments and keep prices high. "The collapse of Telecom Italia's Murdoch plans makes the creation of a single Italian digital

Telepiu, which has more than 500,000 digital TV customers, compared with 150,000 at Stream, is unprofitable, too.

The newspaper La Repubblica said Telecom Italia was talking to

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essential mechanism to ensure Taiwan's economic health. lated effects of Asia's economic crisis. With its exports struction. to Asia down drastically, its growth last year slowed to doubt on the effectiveness of 4.83 percent, the lowest in 16 the measures, saying most years and nearly 2 percentage had been proposed before.

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Economists, however, cast

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With Market More Wary, Some See Opportunity in High-Yield Bonds

By Jonathan Fuerbringer New York Times Service

NEW YORK -- Since October, when the latest phase of the U.S. stock-market rally began, equity investors have set caution aside.

They have a "buy now" mentality, based on their belief that the future will prove them right, and they seem more afraid of missing out on a big rally than of possible risks in the market. Sharp self-offs just reinforce that behavior, after all, the downtums have regularly been followed by rapid recoveries.

The high-yield bond market,

however, has been behaving differently. Investors there have decided to put a

In 1997 and early 1998, junk-bond their stock-buying brethren did, as they er than the B rating on Arcadia, an rushed to buy anything with a higher automobile loan-servicing company.

yield. They routinely ignored differences in credit quality, a fact that worof Arcadia and LTV bonds has returned the high-yield bond market; investor tier of the high-yield market; investor tier of the high-yield market.

These are bonds — such as those of

But after the Russian ruble devaluright back as the stock market did.

Ltd. and the comparable U.S. Treasury note narrowed to 5.85 percentage points last June.

Considering the difference in credit quality, the spread was not that wide, when compared with, for example, the healthy dose of caution back into their 3.05-point spread on a 10-year LTV Corp. junk bond over the Treasury issue. LTV, a steel manufacturer, is rated BB from 6.25 points in October but still investors were dismissing risk, just as by Standard & Poor's, two notches high-

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ried the chairman of the Federal Reserve to more normal levels; a risk differential has been restored.

ation and bond default last year, risk October, Arcadia was trading at a spread market while every other bond market is stake in Chevy Chase Savings Bank popped back onto the junk-bond radar of 14.58 percentage points over Treas-screen, and the market did not bounce ury issues, while the LTV spread was at For example, the spread, or difference, between the yield on a 10-year half times the 4.02 points for LTV, acjunk bond issued by Arcadia Financial
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Mr. Koch said the return of a premium
for risk was making high-yield issues
attractive again.

Advisors in Montpelier, Vermont

Kingman Penniman, the president of KDP, says investor caution means that there are still connected in high-yield."

But since he expects this fear to wane, he adds that "it's a great time to be in high-yield." Advisors in Montpelier, Vermont there are still opportunities in high-yield bonds, despite the rally so far this year. Mr. Penniman's high-yield index is now 4.51 percentage points above the rate on the 10-year U.S. Treasury note, down above the 3.54 points that has been the

average since 1992. Two concerns have been holding back

economy and the fear of another global financial scare that would send investors At the low for the high-yield market in running for cover in the U.S. Treasury

5.47 points. Now, the Arcadia spread is economic growth looking stronger for have not rebounded fully.

opportunities in what he calls the middle

Grove Worldwide, a crane manufac-turer, and B. F. Saul REIT, a real-estate investment trust that has an 80 percent that were of decent credit quality but Mr. Penniman says that with U.S. were sold off sharply last autumn and

He is not sure, however, that everything is lined up for a great year. 'Something like Brazil is going to

Jeffrey Koch, portfolio manager of happen," he said. "Or the economy will the Strong High Yield fund, also sees slow. Or new issuance will be so big that spreads will have to widen out. I think taken for granted since last autumn.

we will get a lot of periods of vol-

atility." But there is a way to deal with this volatility, he said. An investor can pick a promising company and stick with the bond; if the investor doesn't sell, the price fluctuations will not make a big

difference over the long term.
As Mr. Koch put it, "Stay invested

and get the coupon."

The remaining question is whether the pause last week in the U.S. stock market - with a 3.4 percent sell-off in the Nasdaq composite, this year's best-performing stock index — is a sign that equity investors may be beginning to see the risks that high-yield investors have

Most Active International Bonds

The 250 most active international bonds traded through the Euroclear system for the week end ing Feb. 12. Prices supplied by Telekurs.

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The Week Ahead: World Economic Calendar, Feb. 15-19 A schedule of this week's economic and financial events, compiled for the International Herald Tribune by Bloombern News

Expected New Delhi: Confederation of Indian Lisbon: Figures for Portugal's non-EU trade for 1998.

Dublin: Trade figures for

Washington: President Jacques Chirac of France visits the United States for meetings with President Bill Clinton, Thursday and Friday.

Mexico City: Industrial investment

Caracas: Aluminum production

indicators for November.

figures for January.

Jakarta: Government unveils Monday second group of banks eligible for recapitalization program.

of Commerce in Australia.

Wednesday Sydney: Westpac Banking Corp.

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Paris: Weekly Treasury bill auction. Rome: Industrial production for December. Sydney: Speech by Austrade executive general manager Michael Johnson on business opportunities

London: Monthly and yearly British retail price indexes for January. Wiesbaden, Germany: Wholesale in the Americas. American Chamber prices in January.

London: Bank of England releases

Ottawa: December manufacturing Vashington: The National Association of Home Builders releases its housing market index for February.

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unemployment claims.

Mexico City: Retail and wholesale

Washington: Industrial production

Washington: Import/export prices

releases consumer confidence minutes of its Feb. 3-4 policy Jakarta: Bank Indonesia Paris: French trade balance for announces result of weekly bill December. Voorburg, Netherlands: January unemployment.

London: Monthly and yearly retail sales by volume for January. Ottawa: Consumer price index for January. London: Provisional figures for Washington: Producer price index for January. Washington: Weekly

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broad money supply M-4 in January. Madrid: industrial production for December.

Munich: Ifo Institute on Economic Research releases report on January business climate. Paris: December industria Prague: Foreign trade figures.

Mexico City: Unemployment rate for January. Washington: Trade balance for December. Washington: Consumer price index cent after inflation.

Weak U.S. Issues Attract Investors' Eye

worst two-week battering in more than three and a half years, U.S. long-term Treasury bonds now look attractive, especially in the current low-inflation environment, some investors say.

Yields on U.S. 30-year issues have than one year averaged 3.32 percent, risen 40 basis points, or hundredths of a according to data from Ryan Labs Inc. percentage point, in February to almost 5.50 percent — a level not seen since points lower than current yields. Russia defaulted on its debt last Au-"The real-rate argument is going to

gust, sending investors rushing into the safety of U.S. Treasury bonds. 'The market's looking pretty attractive," said Dave Caputro, portfolio manager at Franklin Resources Inc. in San Mateo, California.

NEW YORK - After suffering their

With inflation domant, bonds are olina. particularly enticing after a sharp rise in yields, investors say. If yields should fall, investors could reap fat returns. A half-point drop in the yield on the 30year benchmark bond to 4.92 percent by the end of 1999 would translate into a 14 percent gain for investors who bought the bonds Friday, according to Bloomberg Financial Markets. After factoring in the current rate of inflation, the return would be 12.4 percent.

Even if prices do not change, bonds a loss of 4.1 percent, after gains of 18.6 would return 5.42 percent, or 3.82 per-percent in 1998.

The last time inflation was at 2 percent or lower for any extended period
— from 1951 to 1966 — real yields on in New York. That's about 50 basis

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attract dollars into Treasuries," said John Swaim of TradeStreet Investment Associates in Charlotte, North Car-

Bond bulls are still in the minority at the moment. Prices fell last week amid rising Japanese yields and a disappointing sale of \$35 billion in U.S. Treasury issues. The 30-year bond ended the week with a decline of 1 23/32 points, or \$17.19 for each \$1,000 face amount, raising its yield to 5.42 percent.

at the start of the year are now sitting on percent by year-end.

The steep declines in prices Friday were spanked by the Bank of Japan, which said it would not increase the amount of Japanese bonds it bought. Investors took the move as a signal that bond rates in Japan, which set an 18month high last week, would not fall. That could make Japanese investors, who are the biggest international holders of U.S. debt, favor domestic bonds

over U.S. Treasury issues. Japanese bonds are "more attractive for a Japanese bond buyer — for that matter, any buyer," said Graham Allen of Wells Capital Management in Los

Angeles.
But investors who favor U.S. Treasury issues are undeterred, arguing that low inflation, falling commodities prices and fewer bond auctions will swell demand for U.S. long-term bonds. Pat Sporl, who helps manage \$6 billion in fixed-income assets at AMR Investment Services Inc. in Fort Worth, Texas, said he believed a U.S. economic slowdown was on the horizon Investors who bought 30-year bonds that could push 30-year yields below 5

New International Bond Issues

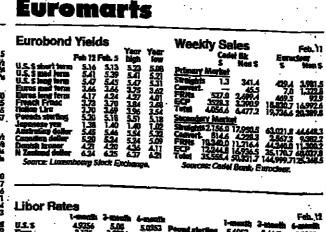
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0	LW Rentenbank	\$750	2004	5%	99.858	99.55	Noncollable, Fees 0.25%, Celamon Brothers.)	۲
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	Greece	EUR300	2019	5	99.40		Noncollable, Fees 0.70%, (Credit Suisse First Boston.)	-
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-	La Poste	EUR400	2009		101.063	99.35	Reaffered at 99.388. Fees 2%, Denominations 10,000 euros. (Parities.)	-
	Public Pawer Corp. of Greece	EUR500	2009		100.025	98.35	Reoffered at 98.425. Noncaliable. Fees 2%. (CS First Baston.)	•
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	Brixton Estate	£100	2070		99.492		Noncollable, Fires 0.55%, (HSBC Markets.)	•
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	Helaba Infl Finance	£200	2009		99.7325		Noncollable, Reoffered of 98.0575. Fees 2%. (RBC DS.)	•
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*Unrepentant Malaysia Insists Its Capital Controls Have Done Their Job By Mark Landler

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reaucratic dispute?

New York Times Service KUALA LUMPUR - From the plush conference room with teakwood panels to the rich coffee served in china gcups, the Malaysian central bank was edetermined to make the right impression

son the foreign fund managers it had invited to a recent briefing. Malaysia wanted them to bring their capital back to the country, the bank officials told the group. They said they owould understand if the investors were still angry at Malaysia for imposing strict controls on foreign investment last September. But the rules had since been

relaxed, they said. Malaysia was ready The one word the Malaysian bankers did not utter was, "Sorry."

Five months after Malaysia incurred

global opprobrium by closing off its currency and capital markets, its offi-

put it on the road to recovery.

By suspending trading of the Malay-

erument was able to lower interest rates

and ward off speculators. Since September, Malaysia's exports and foreign reserves have increased, consumer confidence has flickered back violent social unrest of its neighbor, In-

donesia. "The economy is responding to what we have done," said Finance Minister Daim Zainuddin, "People are comfortable. They say things are predictable. To us, that's a positive."

Mr. Daim has little patience for foreigners who tell him that Malaysia has committed economic heresy. "They're entitled to their opinion," he shrugged. "Either they invest here or they don't. If they prove us wrong, we look stupid."

Malaysia's experiment has not had major imitators. Brazil, which fell into its currency crisis after Malaysia had begun reaping benefits from the policy, has kept its markets open. And not all of Malaysia's economic

sian ringgit and fixing its exchange rate of \$1 billion a month into South Korea to the U.S. dollar, they say, the govant South into Thailand.

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To many Malaysians, it seems unjust that Mr. Mahahir reaps criticism. Malaysia has not issued recent numbers, but economists say it is getting only a regulating hedge funds." Mr. Yeoh said, fraction of that.

Still, government officials, academics and business leaders in Knala Lumpur to life, and the country has escaped the relish the fact that Malaysia has avoided the prophecies of doom made by the International Monetary Fund, the U.S. Treasury Department and other critics of capital controls.

"We were seen as having done some-thing very naughty," said Francis Yeoh, a Malaysian-Chinese industrialist and one of the nation's richest men. He predicted that "pragmatism and greed" would eventually overcome foreign fury at Malaysia for its actions.

"At the moment, the fury flows in both directions. Malaysia's irascible 73-year-old prime minister and unchallenged leader, Mahathir bin Mohamad, blames the West in general, and George Soros in particular, for precipitating the Asian crisis. He once said a cabal of mainly Jewish currency traders had destroyed Asian countries by speculating against their currencies and forcing them

Q. What are key points in dispute?

A. Quasi-cultural differences over

marketing techniques are probably the

biggest issue. We're in complete agree-

ment about the need to protect sensitive

data - medical, financial or personal

information, such as sexual orientation.

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can be collected through people's ac-

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The question cuts both ways. The

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A. Yes, Intel changed the chip so that

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erences about the color of your car.

adding that in the eyes of the world, 'One is a heretic and one is a guru.''

But the world has also been troubled by Mr. Mahathir's crackdown on political opponents. On Sept. 2, the day after he imposed capital controls, Mr. Mahathir ousted his deputy, Anwar Ibrahim, who had opposed the policies. When the prime minister threw Mr. Anwar in jail on lurid corruption and sexrelated charges, it ignited the largest street protests in Malaysia in decades.

"Foreign investors don't give much importance to human rights," said Chandra Muzaffar, a professor of political science at the University of Malaya. "But they should be concerned about the Anwar episode, because it has impli-cations for Malaysia's short-term and long-term stability.

When Malaysia imposed its controls, the government declared that foreign capital could not be withdrawn from the country for 12 months. The goal was to punish speculators and other short-term investors. But people who had invested

being held hostage, too.
"What right do they have to con-

fiscate people's capital?" asked Bill Kaye, a fund manager at the Pacific Group in Hong Kong. "If you're an attractive place to invest, why do you need to do that?"

Two weeks ago. Malaysia lifted the ban on repatriating capital and replaced it with an exit tax that encourages investors to leave their funds in the country for more than a year. The change mollified a few investors, but not Mr. Kaye. "Most people just want to get their money out," he said.

The government contends the new

stability has cheered consumers.

Monthly car sales rose from 12,000 to 19,000 between September and November. Unlike Indonesia, Malaysia does not feel like a country in the grip of recession. Bars and restaurants in the capital are crowded, and the streets are choked with lines of orderly traffic.

■ Merger Talks Are Canceled

United Merchant Finance Bhd. of Malaysia announced it was canceling merger negotiations with three finance

initiated by the central bank, Reuters

reported Sunday.
United Merchant Group Bhd, said its United Merchant Finance subsidiary had terminated talks to acquire the equity of Delta Finance Bhd., Interfinance Bhd.

and BBMB Kewangan Bhd. But a fourth company, Perdana Finance Bhd., was still negotiating a merger with United Merchant Finance, it

The mergers were part of an exercise forced on finance companies by the central bank early last year to help the sector consolidate through reducing the number of companies in it.

Analysts said the latest cancellation had proven that the mergers announced by the central bank with much fanfare on March 31, 1998, were unlikely to suc-

Even then, there was a question

cials are in no mood to apologize.

Far from wrecking the Malaysian economy, they say, the isolationist strategy has stabilized the country and

A trans-Atlantic dispute about pro-

ferent as multinational corporate ac-

counting and on-line book-buying, ex-

ecutive head-hunting and pharmaceut-ical test data. The U.S. undersecretary

of commerce for international trade, David Aaron, visiting European cap-

itals this month, discussed the issue

Q. Washington and the European

Commission had agreed to work to-

comply with the new European directive

restricting the way companies can use

information they have collected about their customers. Why are you making

A. Indeed, we've agreed to try to

conclude this at the next summit meeting

between the United States and the Euro-

pean Union; that's in June, so we need an

accord by late April to allow it to go

through the European machinery. This is

less a normal adversarial trade dispute

and more like research on a common

problem, because we're both grappling

with new technologies and new business

practices. We're trying to make sure that

European governments are on board,

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indicators point to recovery.

According to government statistics, foreign investors are pouring an average to deplete their reserves.

going to be much of a solution.

For the moment, most governments

have not yet passed implementing laws,

but some already have their own reg-

ulatory authorities. We're also trying to

ensure that they understand the enor-

break would prevent European busi-

tion needed to run their U.S. businesses.

Basic functions — accounting, even personnel activities — could become

Q. Is this a real threat or just a bu-

A. If we don't reach agreement, the

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Privacy and the Internet: A Trans-Atlantic Fault Line

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less the user specifically opts in. It's consistent with our approach: People should have a choice about whether information is collected about them or not. So if "cookies" on your screen offer benefits, you can only get them by

providing data about yourself. Q. In Europe, people are entitled to find out what companies are doing with information obtained in these ways. What is the U.S. view about individuals' access to information companies have on them?

A. We believe that if it is significant, sensitive information, the company should provide it no matter what. But if information is trivial and very difficult to get at, the company should not have to go to great, expensive lengths to supply it. In some cases, it might even be impossible to locate: Some databases contain personal information that cannot be extracted by name. A list of people who seem interested in cruises might include names but not be searchable by name, and a company shouldn't have to spend tens of millions of dollars to provide information it didn't want in

Q. Don't you have divergences on enforcement?

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Mr. Aaron sees risks to businesses if the question is not resolved.

protecting data and doesn't, it can be prosecuted for deceptive business practices. Europeans agree with this approach, but they long for government bodies to supervise the system. The United States is not going to build a A. We favor self-regulation, with le- European-style centralized, overriding

Inflation' in China: **Local Growth Rates**

Agence France-Presse REDING - Most of China's provinces exaggerated their 1998 economic growth, announcing rates equal to or higher than the national figure, the official press said Sunday.
China registered 7.8 percent

growth in gross domestic product last year, the weakest since 1991. decpite intense efforts to achieve the 8 percent target, which was set at the start of 1998. "At the end of the year, observers

were intrigued by the fact that while the State Statistics Bureau reported 7.8 percent national growth, only one of the Chinese mainland's 31 principal administrative regions said it grew at a rate lower than 8 said the official China

Lin Xianyu, admitted that "exaggerations about economic performance did exist in some regions,' but insisted the 7.8 percent nation-

He said that although the bureau had to depend on local figures to some degree, it could also test their accuracy by using different approaches in working out national

EURO: Mixed Response to New Currency

Continued from Page 1 "The care's weakness is a natural far." he added.

Before its inauguration, most analysts were predicting a steady rise in the euro. Enrope's economy would look more attractive as U.S. growth slowed, they reckoned, while everyone from central banks to Japanese trust funds were expected to start shifting hundreds of billions of dollars worth of investments from the U.S. currency to the euro.

But the real world has turned out quite differently. Despite the collapse of the Brazilian real and the "warnings of an imminent collapse on Wall Street, the U.S. economy has continued to power

Growth last year ran at a rate of 3.9 percent, bolstered by a 5.6 percent increase in the last quarter, and most analysts have raised their estimates now for economic growth this year to 2.5 percent

As a result, speculation that the Federal Reserve Board might cut interest rates further, which diminishes the dollar's attractiveness, has been replaced by talk of a possible tightening of monetary

In Europe, by contrast, most recent economic indicators have pointed to softer economic growth, and forecasts for growth in the core economies of Germany and France have been scaled back to less than 2 percent, a level that should cause unemployment to climb again.

consequence of the very stark economic divergence between the United States and Euroland," said Paul Meggyesi, senior currency analyst at Deutsche Bank Securities. 'The question is, how long will that continue? So far, the analysts are split. Mr.

Meggyesi predicted that the enro was close to bottoming because institutional investors were neutral or underweighing the currency, leaving it susceptible to a quick rebound if the U.S. economy slows or Europe picks up.
Mr. O'Neill said he still believed the

U.S. economy would slow down this year as exports to Latin America slump, and he noted that consumer sentiment in Europe remained robust.

But Brian Martin, economist at Barclays Capital, said the gap between U.S. and European growth was likely to continue, driving the euro down to \$1.08 in six months' time and \$1.00 in a year.

Adding impetus to the euro's weakness is the prospect that European policy makers will tacitly condone a soft euro as a means of spurring growth through

Indeed, Wim Duisenberg, the president of the European Central Bank, said last week he was not concerned about the

With the central bank and European finance ministers at odds recently over interest rates and fiscal policy, "the only politically sensitive way to reflate is to allow the exchange rate to depreciate in an orderly way," Mr. Martin said. While the euro's level has disappoint-

ed, the weakness has not curbed the use of the single currency as a borrowing tool. Xavier Werner, head of bond syndication at ABN-AMRO in Amsterdam. estimated that 90 percent or more of the new bonds were being bought by Euro-

pean institutions. In the past, most institutions had to keep 80 percent of their money in their home currency, and much of that was placed in government bonds.

But the euro has extended the same currency to 11 countries, allowing investors to diversify their portfolios by buying enro-denominated bonds from a range of government and corporate bor-

"We have a huge market now with institutional investors very easily buying new names," Mr. Werner said. "We are very rapidly moving to a market which looks like the U.S. corporate market."

The Dutch bank was the lead underwriter of the biggest euro issue to date, a 5 billion euro offering of bonds from the Belgian government last

The rapid development of a vibrant European capital market will be a key factor for the euro, encouraging central banks to shift reserves to the currency and international investors to build their holdings, said Roger Gray, managing director for asset allocation and currency at UBS Brinson, one of the world's

largest fund managers. "Certainly we haven't seen evidence of a mass move into euro by big in-stitutional investors," said Mr. Gray, who regarded the euro's current level as

fair value. But here is still a basis for a move over the long term."

SHORT COVER

Samsung Motor Sets **Accord With Workers**

Samsung Motor Inc. ended Sunday after the management and workers reached an accord, the company and the Labor Min-The agreement was seen here as re-

moving the last major obstacle to negotiations taking place between the Samsung and Daewoo groups of compa-nies under which Daewoo Motor Co. will take over Samsung Motor in a major

ion struck an accord on the job-security issue and other pending issues," the ministry said. It has arbitrated between management and the labor union. (AFP)

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company executives said. "We are examining that as a pos-

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Friday. Europe is Toyota's third-biggest mar-

ket after Asia and North America. The company hopes to increase its European market share to 5 percent by 2005 from 3 percent currently. It has an assembly plant in Burnaston, England, and will open its second, in France, in two years. At present, it has relatively little business in Central Europe. (Bloomberg)

Call to Promote Trade From Asia and EU

SINGAPORE - East Asian and European Union officials encouraged each other to resist pressure for protectionism and push for reductions in trade barriers in a meeting over the weekend.

The three-day gathering of senior of-ficials from the 26-member Asia-Europe Meeting that ended Saturday "noted the danger of rising protectionism," said Finian Tan, co-chairman and an official of Singapore's Ministry of Trade and Industry. Although the agreement is nonbinding, Mr. Tan said, "That doesn't mean it carries no weight. There is a lot of peer pressure in such organizations. Member countries feel very obliged to do what they agree on."

mark over whether the mergers will ever take place," said the head of research at a Malaysian brokerage. "Now the situation has worsened further, so even the anchor companies are trying to slip out of their obligations." **BMW Insists**

For a Partner

It Has No Plan

FRANKFURT - The new chief executive of Bayerische Motoren Werke AG said Sunday the company was not considering any tie-up with another company despite media reports that a number of auto companies might be considering takeover bids.

Joachim Milberg, who replaced the ousted CEO, Bernd Pischetsrieder, last week, said there was no truth to reports

that BMW's position may change.
"BMW is independent and will stay independent," a spokesman quoted Mr.

Milberg as saying.
On Saturday, Munich-based BMW's major shareholders affirmed their support of the company after a German newspaper said General Motors Corp.

was lining up to make a takeover offer. The newspaper Die Weit said GM, the world's largest automaker, was likely to make a proposal in the next few days.

"The Quandt family's declaration of support for BMW is steadfast," said a spokesman for the family, which is thought to hold a 45 percent stake in Europe's biggest carmaker. "There are no indications that this will change."

A General Motors spokesman, Dan Jankowski, said, "We wouldn't have any comment on the rumor of the takeover."

plans," Toshio Mizushima, the chief The German magazine Der Spiegel executive of European manufacturing, meanwhile, said Volkswagen AG was planning a link with BMW under which the Volkswagen subsidiary Audi AG and BMW would take a mutual 24.9 percent stake in each other, a move that would include taking over BMW's unprofitable Rover unit in Britain.

> Rumors about BMW's future have been swirling since Mr. Pischetsrieder resigned Feb. 5 amid criticism of his handling of Rover. BMW has invested more than 5.75 billion Deutsche marks (\$3.32 billion) in Rover since buying it in 1994. Analysts expect Rover to post a pretax loss of about 1 billion DM for (AFP, Reuters)

■ Benefits Agreement at Renault

Renault SA reached agreement on benefit payments for 1,200 Argentine autoworkers it plans to lay off, paving the way for the partial reopening of its plant in Cordoba on Monday, Bloomberg reported from Buenos Aires.

Renault agreed to pay the workers, which are slightly less than half of its work force, 75 percent of their net salary while they are laid off between now and March 31. Idled workers will receive 60 percent of their salaries in April and 50 percent in May. The carmaker an-nounced layoffs last week after stagnant demand in Brazil forced it to slash output by more than one-fourth.

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ECB: Concern About Confidence in Euro

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euro's existential hitch: the conflict between the interventionist and statist reflexes of its leading leftist governments and the stability pact's restrictions on deficits, debt and inflation.

Oskar Lafontaine, the German finance minister, referring to lower estimates of growth and decreasing ex- Monetary Fund warned of this condiports now affecting Europe, said in a paper addressed to his European colleagues Friday that "if the monetary authorities cannot find a response to the negative shock to demand, other options issue an official forecast of growth for the will have to be considered."

 He pointed to budgetary measures but did not give concrete details.

Dominique Strauss-Kahn, the French finance minister, talking in connection improved confidence, especially in cirwith a meeting with Mr. Lafontaine, warned of damage to the European economy if the central bank did not give way. He said, "It would be especially naive to shink that monetary union could function if the ECB could conduct monetary policy long-term against the wishes of the governments and its citizens. What it told an andience in Madrid that he supcwould gain in credibility it would lose in alegitimacy, and our economic system would definitely end up weakened."

The bank considers that interest rates Sare not at the heart of the euro zone's accelerating problem of diminished was "nonsense" to stick to the pact's 3 growth is a structural one, relating to percent upper limit for national budget rigidities, bureaucracy, taxation and a deficits. iack of encouragement for initiative. Lowering rates in Europe, it reasons, he wanted to "strike a blow" for a new would hardly assist the economies of economic order in the interest of people Asia or Brazil or recreate business lost rather than speculators.

through recent external shocks to the

Euroland economy. To its deep regret, the bank indicates, it cannot find the slightest sign that some governments in continental Europe are ready to deal with the structural reforms necessary for growth. In its evaluation of the enro before it became the currency of 11 countries Jan. 1, the International tion, saying, "Policies in place are in-

form is still strong." For the moment, although it does not caro-zone countries for the year, the ECB works with forecasts running between 1.5 percent and 2.5 percent. But it is clearly unwilling to talk about the possibility of cumstances where the bank sees key 20vernments not giving the impression they will stick to the stability pact. Moving away from it, the bank believes, would be

adequate, and political opposition to re-

a dramatic blow to EMU. Mr. Lafontaine, however, was reported in the German press last week to have ported a "turnaround in Europe" from the "orthodoxy of the stability pact." Christa Mueller, his wife, an economist with whom Mr. Lafontaine has written a book on economic policy, told a book-

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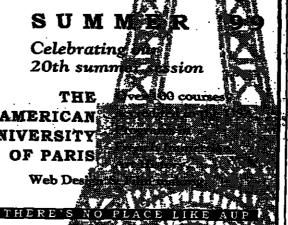
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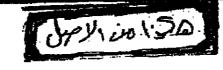
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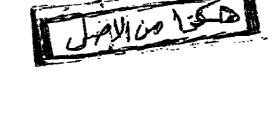
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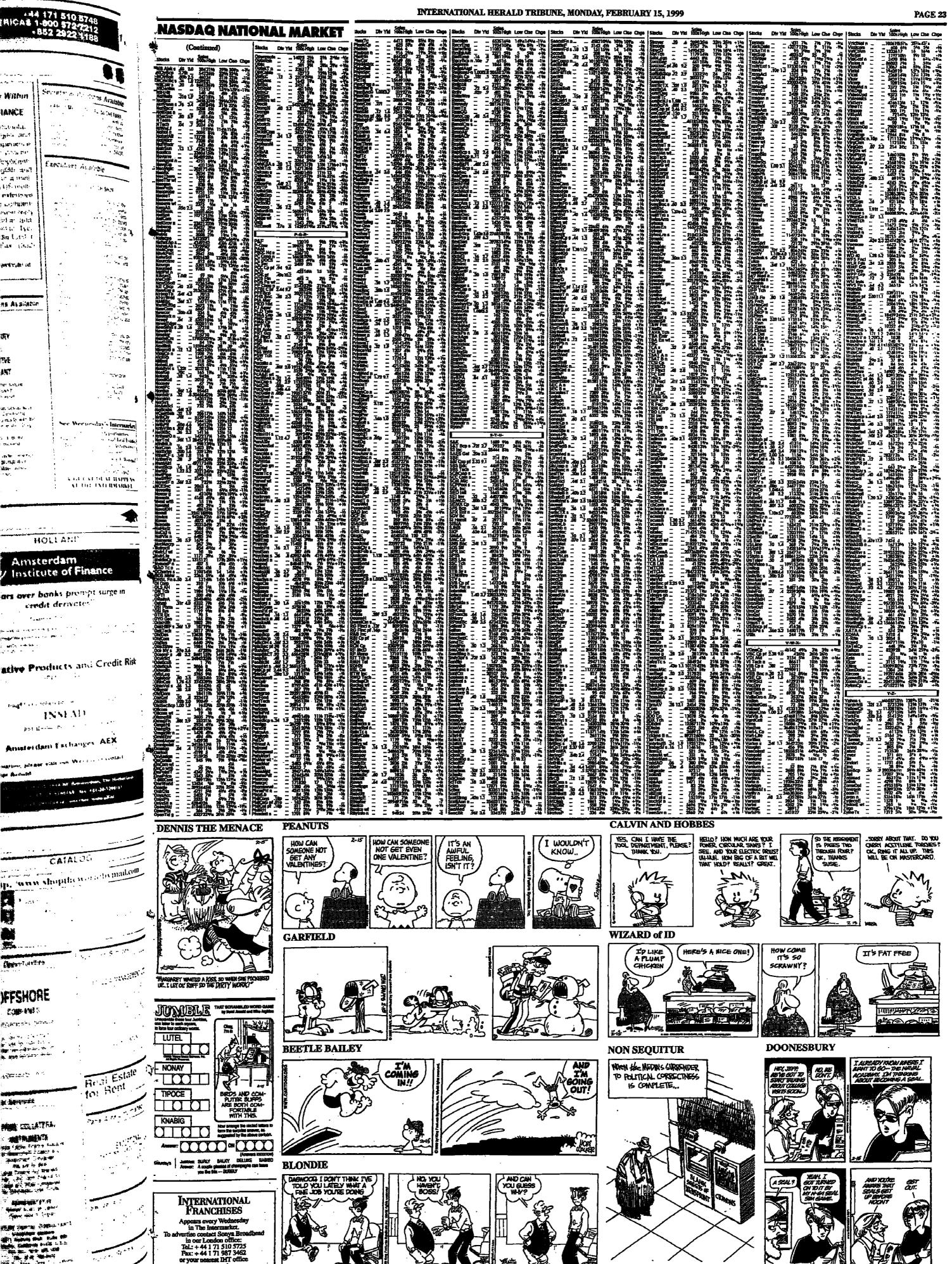
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Leafs Fly From Garden, **Leaving History Behind**

By Joe Lapointe New York Times Service

League? Easy, hockey philosophers say. Bring the new bulb to Maple Leaf Gardens and leave it at center ice. The bulb will screw itself into the socket because the entire Beatles, one pope, various hockey universe revolves politicians — including Winaround the Gardens.

Although the joke lampoons Toronto's hockey selfimportance and the wideof the punch line was true Saturday night when the case on opening night, in evicted them from Madison 1931, the Maple Leafs played Square Garden. the Chicago Blackhawks.

Between those two games were almost seven decades of Canada Center, a sparkling lore, much of it glorious, new arena appropriate for a some of it notorious. First booming city filled with glit-came years of elegance and tering buildings. With its triumph, when the Gardens, 18,800 seats for hockey, not like the old Montreal Forum, to mention lots of luxury was likened to a church for boxes, it will be in harmony Canada's secular religion, with an expanding league in Conn Smythe, a former military man, built the place and of the NHL's "old six" arearuled it with an authoritarian as from its era of gestation hand. Back then, his building housed his championship teams and exuded Canada's distinctive patriotism.

Later came decades of decay, not in the building's infrastructure, but throughout its spirit. By then the Gardens was controlled by an eccentric robber baron and the staff included a few employees who prought upon it a scandal what it is like." that will forever sully its repu-

Built of 750,000 yellow bricks and 77,500 bags of ce- Leafs ownership and management, located appropriately on a street called Church, Maple Leaf Gardens has 15,726 seats that rise steeply from ice level in sight lines ideal for hockey. Typical of teams into one of its best. arenas of its era, it is built on a human scale, with easy access from bustling downtown sidewalks. Compared with the score of new 1990s arenas, night television show that the Gardens is what hockey made the Maple Leafs the Red Wings, Devellano still has

"The building itself is ce-ment," said Pat Quinn, the coach of the Leafs and a ORONTO — How do former Toronto player. "But you change a light bulb the people who have passed in the National Hockey through have made it a glorious place."

Along with hockey stars, Maple Leaf Gardens welcomed members of British royalty, Muhammad Ali, four ston Churchill - and all sorts of sports.

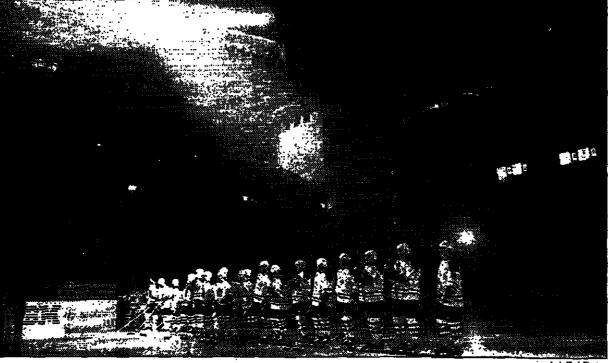
It was the site of the National Basketball Associspread veneration of the ation's first game: New York league's oldest arena, the end Knickerbockers versus versus Toronto Huskies, Nov. 1, 1946. In the 1950 Stanley NHL's brightest spotlight il- Cup finals, the Rangers minated the Gardens for its played two "home" games final league game. As was the here because the circus

This week, the Maple Leafs will open the Air the 21st century. But the last will stand abandoned.

"The vast majority of Canadians have never been in-side Maple Leaf Gardens, but they have been in Maple Leaf Gardens in their imagination," Ken Dryden recently what was then a prim and told The National Post, provincial city. Saturday dio. They have been there on television. And they imagine

Dryden, the former ing one of the city's old nick-Montreal Canadiens goalie of names. "Toronto the rightthe 1970s, was critical of eous. Toronto the interminment in books he wrote during the 1980s. Now, in less than two seasons as president of the Maple Leafs, he has turned one of the league's worst

As Dryden indicated, Cahome team for English-speak- season tickets at the Gardens,



The Toronto team standing on the ice before the last National Hockey League game at Maple Leaf Gardens.

ing fans from Newfoundland which now cost him \$48. to British Columbia. Before "Hockey Night" came over the radio through the voice of Foster Hewitt. If only in their mind's eye, fans could see the players of Smythe's team, who wore over their bearts on their blue and white sweaters - not jerseys, in Canada — the maple leaf symbol that later became part of the national flag.

One who remembers is Peter Jennings, the news anchor for the ABC television network. He recalled how his father, a journalist for the Canadian Broadcasting Corp., took him to Leafs games and let him climb around in Hewitt's famous "gondola," a broadcast booth. Jennings recalled how the Gardens used to host religious revival meetings. They were in tune, Jen-nings said, with the spirit of They have been there on ra-night was hockey night, be-cause blue laws forbade Sunday games. "Toronto the Good," Jennings said, recall-

ably boring. NOTHER member of the live hockey audience then was Jim Devellano, who bought his first season tickets for the 1958-59 season when he was 15 and the nadians have experienced the seats cost \$1.50 each. Al-Gardens through "Hockey though he has worked for oth-Night in Canada," a Saturday er teams and is now the senior vice president of the Detroit

"They had usherettes in the low seats who wore white ' Devellano said. And the place was spotless. You could eat off the floor.' Smythe used to write letters to season ticket-holders reminding the men to wear jackets neckties. No beer was sold until 1972. "A hockey game there was

an event," Devellano added.
"They had a band playing. They had a picture of the queen at the end of the building. Very patriotic guy, Smythe. You know, British Empire. Before the games, the band would play God Save the Queen.'

Her Majesty even visited the place, in 1951, when she was still Princess Elizabeth. Among the pictures in one of the corridors is one of the princess, sitting next to a smiling Smythe. Beneath it is a hissing radiator that warms the old hallway on chilly afternoons. The old Madison Square

Garden in New York, which

housed the Rangers from the time they were founded in 1927, was replaced by a new one in 1968. The other rinks from that era, all closed or demolished now, were the Forum in Montreal, the Detroit Olympia, Chicago Stadium and Boston Garden. Gone, gone, gone, memories of a time before corporations and banks leased the names, before the sideboards and even the ice surface became cluttered with advertising.

in 1967. By then, the franroom door, is on trial.

chise and the sport were in transition. Smythe had turned the team over to his son and other directors, including Harold Ballard By 1971 Smythe and his son were dead and Ballard gained full control, despite a stay in prison for financial fraud against the Gardens. After his release, Ballard ruled the building through the next two decades. until his death in 1990. But it would be unfair to

HEN European players more became numerous, Ballard insulted them, including Swedish players on his own team. He refused to allow touring Soviet teams to play on his ice and he told his management not to hire Rus-

Another former hockey star, Red Kelly, played for the Leafs and later coached them. Of the Ballard era, he once said, "It was as if a bunch of pirates has taken over." During the Ballard years, critics nicknamed the team "the Maple Laughs" and called their rink "Make-Believe Gardens." But even the harshest did not realize how

shabby things really were. Those revelations began in 1997, about men who worked in the Gardens and operated a sex ring that preyed on young boys, bribing them with tickets and souvenirs. The inci-. dents are alleged to have occurred over three decades. One accused perpetrator was convicted and is serving jail The Leafs won their 11th time; another, an usher who and most recent Stanley Cup used to guard the dressing-

After the first victim spoke out, the police took reports from at least four dozen men who said they were victimized there during their youth. The chief accuser committed stricide on Oct. 30, 1997, by jumping off a downtown viaduct. Dryden, new in his job then, called the man's family for permission to attend the

define the building by its worst chapters. Above and beyond all, it was a hockey rink, one cherished even by today's athletes. Tie Domi, a Maple Leafs forward, said: 'Going to work there every day is quite the honor. I sit back and say, 'We are part of and now it's going away."

Steve Thomas, a forward, recalled his first day as a Leaf. "I remember sitting in the locker room," he said, "looking down at my jersey and, almost. I don't know. I don't want to be sentimental."

His voice cracked he ing feeling. Growing up from alive by beating Boston.
when I was 6 years old, fol- Alexander Mogilny, ending lowing the Leafs, watching a nine-game scoring drought, them on TV with my dad." and Dave Scatchard also Wayne Gretzky of the Rangers made his first visit, when he was 6, with his grandmother. They sat in the... last row and Gretzky said he

"You don't replace a Maple Leaf Gardens," Gretzky said. "We'll never recapture the atmosphere. It's a

was entranced.

Chicago Crashes Toronto Gala, 6-2

Hawks Show Little Sentimentality

The Associated Press spoiled an emotional goodbye final National Hockey League game at Maple Leaf Gardens. ted all but a few moments of

The Blackhawks dominathe second period Saturday night in their 6-2 victory to break a seven-game losing streak and subdue a celebritystudded crowd. Although the

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Gardens will be used for minor-league hockey and other events, the Maple Leafs are moving to the Air Canada

Chicago went ahead, 3-0, on first-period goals by Tony Amonte and Reid Simpson and a second-period score by a former Maple Leaf, Doug Gilmour. Dozens of former Maple Leafs players were on hand for the game, including Red Homer, 89, the only surviving member of the 1931 team that played in the Gardens' opening game.

Coyotes 4, Avalanche 1 Nikolai Khabibulin stopped 25 shots to earn his 117th career victory and Jeremy Roenick had a goal and an assist as Phoenix beat the Avalanche, 4-1, in Denver.

Khabibulin, who is 5-1-1 with two shutouts in his last seven starts, allowed only a first-period goal to Joe Sakic this shrine and this history to improve to 117-99-29 and break a tie with Bob Essensa for the most victories in the history of the franchise, which began play as the Win-nipeg Jets before moving to Phoenix.

couver, Todd Bertuzzi scored the game winner as the Caquickly smiled, and then he nucks kept their fading West-continued. "It was an amaz- ern Conference playoff hopes

> scored for the Canucks. Anson Carter scored for Boston. Stars 3, Kings 2 Guy Carunbeaten streak against Los streak - all at home.

Angeles to 15 games.
Brett Hull and Pat Verbeek also scored to help Dallas extend its road unbeaten streak to seven games.

Ollers 3, Skies 2 Bob Es-The Chicago Blackhawks sensa stopped 31 shots and colled an emotional goodbye Ryan Smyth scored twice to lead Edmonton over St. party, embarrassing the lead Edmonton over St. Toronto Maple Leafs in the Louis, which lost its fifth straight at home. St. Louis's longest home losing streak was six games, in 1996-97.

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ns 3, Predat Penguins 3, Predatore 2 Kip Miller scored with 1:21 left in overtime and extended Pittsburgh's winning streak to nine straight with a victory over the Predators in Nashville.

The Penguins have won their last four games by one goal, the last three coming in overtime.

Saku Koivu scored two power-play goals and leff Hackett needed to make just 16 saves for his third shutout of the season as Montreal beat visiting Florida.

Mark Recchi notched his

500th career assist on Koivu's first goal, which gave the Canadiens a 2-0 lead the second period. Islanders 2, Sabres 2 Mari-

usz Czerkawski scored the tying goal and Tommy Salo made 24 saves as the New York Islanders battled the Sabres to a tie in Buffalo. Czerkawski scored early in

the third period and Salo made two big saves on shots by Michael Peca with Buffalo on the power play in the final seconds. The Islanders avoided what would have been a third straight 2-1 loss. Senators 2, Capitals 1 Damian Rhodes made 31 saves and Radek Bonk scored the winning goal in the first minute of the second period to lead host Ottawa over Wash-

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The Senators ended the Capitals' six-game winning streak and captured the season series, 3-1.

Devils 6, Hu Brendan Morrison and Petr Sykora scored in the second period to put New Jersey Scott

Krzysztof Oliwa, Jay Pandolfo and Randy McKay also bonnean scored the go-shead, scored as the host Devils goal as Dallas extended its ended a three-game losing Sharks 3, Lightning

Tampa Bay, Murray Craven had a goal and an assist as San

Late Rally Lifts Connecticut, 53-48

Lethargic for Most of 2d Half, Huskies Catch Fire to Upend Seton Hall

college basketball, used a three-minute as host Maryland completed a rare searally late in the second half to conquer son sweep of North Carolina by forcing Seton Hall, 53-48. Khahd El-Amin's driving basket with

5.36 to play Saturday was just the second field goal of the second half for the five Kentucky players in double figures

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

East). It narrowed their deficit to 44-40 and was the first of five straight shots they made, the last a baseline jumper by Richard Hamilton that made it 51-48 with 2:18 left. Connecticut went two-of-eight from

Kevin Freeman led Connecticut with

13 points. Rimas Kaukenas had 18 points and 10 rebounds for the Pirates. No. 1 Duke 102, Wake Forest 71 The host Blue Devils won their 20th straight overall and 35th in a row in Cameron

With the victory, Duke clinched at least a tie for its third straight Atlantic Coast Conference regular-season title. The triumph also clinched the No. 1 seed in next month's ACC tournament in Charlotte, North Carolina.

Trajan Langdon had 20 points as Duke (25-1, 13-0 ACC) placed six players in double figures for the fourth time in the last five games. Robert O'Kelley led the Demon Deacons (13-11, 4-8) with 19 points.

No. 3 Auburn 102, Alabama 61 Doc Robinson scored a career-high 25 points as the host Tigers clinched the Southeastern Conference West title.

It marked the first season sweep of Alabama (12-14, 4-9) by Auburn (24-1, 12-1) since the 1983-84 season.

Alabama turned the ball over 10 times before it made its first basket, a jumper by MC Mazique that made it 18-6 with 13:38 to play. The Tigers led 41-12 at one point and 58-23 at halftime. No. 5 Michigan State 84, No. 22 Min-

nesote 62 Mateen Cleaves hit a driving lay-up with 1.2 seconds left as No. 5 Michigan State rallied to win its schoolrecord 11th straight Big Ten game, beating Minnesota.

Cleaves finished with 23 points and nelped the visiting Spartans wipe out a League Baseball averaged 29,000 fans I(1-point deficit in the final seven minutes.

Southern California 86, No. 6 Stanfort az Brian Scalabrine scored 22 points, including a key 3-pointer in overtime, to boost visiting USC past Stanford.

25 turnovers in a rout of the Tar Heels.

No. 8 Kentucky 74, South Carolina 40 Scott Padgett scored 13 points to lead visiting Huskies (22-1, 13-1 Big as the eighth-ranked Wildcats used a 22-3 second-half run to beat visiting South

California 85, No. 9 UCLA 67 Sean Lampley and Michael Gill had 18 points each as California upset visiting UCLA.
Carl Boyd added 14 points and Thomas Kilgore had 12 for Cal (14-8, 5-7 Pac-10), which got its second victory over a Top-10 team this season.

the foul line over the final 32 seconds, but Seton Hall (12-12, 6-9) missed two Jason Terry scored 25 points, including seven of 13 3-pointers, to lead 10thranked Arizona over visiting LSU.

No. 11 St. John's 82, Villanova 75 TVIone Grant returned from a broken right wrist to score 14 points and grab 17 rebounds to lead St. John's (20-6, 11-3

in the second half and Michael Redd emotional game.

The Associated Press

No. 7 Maryland 81, No. 12 North Caradded 22 points as Ohio State rallied on Connecticut, ranked No. 2 in U.S. olima 64 Steve Francis scored 22 points the road to beat Iowa for its fourth straight victory.

No. 14 Utah 82, Hawaii 55 Hanno Mottola scored 10 points in less than two minutes during a 20-5 run to start the second half as 14th-ranked Utah trounced visiting Hawaii for its 15th straight victory.

No. 15 Wisco Mark Vershaw scored 16 points and Charlie Wills had 10 in the final three minutes as host Wisconsin captured its 21st victory of the season.

No. 16 Miami 69, Providence 65 Johnny Hemsley scored 24 points, including two key jumpers in the final two minutes.

No. 17 Indiana 69, Northwestern 62 Indiana shut down Evan Eschmeyer and then shut host Northwestern out in overtime. Following the game, Northwest-em's coach, Kevin O'Neill, had to be restrained at midcourt when he and Coach Bob Knight of Indiana got into a shouting match after Knight apparently complained and lectured him about Big East) over visiting Villanova.

No. 13 Ohio State 73, No. 19 Iowa 69
Scoonie Penn scored 24 of his 27 points

Northwestern's fans. Knight then stormed off the floor and O'Neill finally exited to the other side, an ugly end to an



With Undefeated Record, Sonics Are Looking Super

petition, the Denver Nuggets. Or maybe 44 lead at halftime with a 21-3 run in the the Seattle SuperSonics are going to be final 2:53 of the second quarter. The

pretty good this season.

Nuggets couldn't get closer than
With Gary Payton getting 28 points

Nuggets couldn't get closer than
points behind in the fourth period. and a season-high 16 assists and Hersey Hawkins breaking out of scoring slump

NBA ROUNDUP

with 20 points, the Sonics improved their record to 5-0 with a 105-92 victory over the Nuggets here Saturday night, "Until we get our wins against better-quality teams. I'm not going to make a judgment on how good we are," Payton said.

The Sonics' start is their best since the 1993-94 season, when they won their first 10 games under their former coach. George Karl. Paul Westphal, who in-herited a team from Karl that won 61 games last season, went with 19-yearold Rashard Lewis as his starting shooting guard, with Billy Owens on the injured list with a broken little finger on his left hand. Lewis, the 32d pick in last Seattle's Hersey Hawkins outleaping year's NBA draft, contributed eight Denver's Raef LaFrentz to score. points and five rebounds in 15 minutes.

Scoring more than 100 points for the SEATTLE - Maybe it was the com- first time this season, Seattle took a 55-Nuggets couldn't get closer than nine

Sums 107, Clippers 104 In Phoenix, Rex Chapman, who has been struggling to find his shot all season, scored 12 points in overtime and sent Phoenix past the winless Los Angeles Clippers.

Chapman, who was just 5-for-19 from the field when the fourth quarter ended tied at 93, made his first two shots in overtime, including a 3-pointer. He also hit seven of nine free throws to finish with 23 points. Clifford Robinson scored 23 points and Tom Gugliotta had 20 points and 10 rebounds for the Suns. Jason Kidde added 14 points and 16 assists.

■ Knee Surgery for Barkley

Charles Barkley was to have surgery Sunday to repair torn cartilage in his left knee and will miss three to four weeks, leaving the Houston Rockets without their leading scorer and rebounder, the team said, Agence France-Presse report-

On Eve of Spring Training, Baseball Wonders How to Top 1998

By Richard Justice

TASHINGTON - When Major League Baseball left the stage last fall, Mark McGwire had just hit his 70th home run, the New a losing record. York Yankees had just won their 125th
game and fans had the memories of a
greater than ever. "Some teams have tory almost intact, but it's hard to imagine from tight pennant races to the erner-

gence of a generation of young stars.

Perhaps Commissioner Bud Selig is not exaggerating when he calls 1998 "our greatest year." Baseball begins its week as pitchers and catchers report to million. spring training sites around Florida and

"Those last three months of last season were riveting," Selig said, "and I

can't wait to begin again. That renaissance is the reason Major per game last season — the third-highest when a labor dispute forced cancellation total in history. That renaissance is also of the 1994 World Series, baseball has the reason 18 ballparks are either under construction or have been opened since

Still, the game has problems. One area

million had a winning record, while only one team with a payroll of more than 48 million — the Baltimore Orioles — had

remarkable season that had everything just given up," one baseball executive said recently. kees and Los Angeles Dodgers will have

payrolls in excess of \$90 million, while the Minnesota Twins and Montreal Ex- Mets, Cincinnati Reds and Orioles to the search for an encore performance this pos will have payrolls of less than \$15 Selig has appointed a blue-ribbon commission to study the issue, but until players agree to a ceiling on salaries or

the owners agree to more revenue sharing, the problem seems likely to Still, considering the damage inflicted

made a spectacular recovery. For McGwire and the Yankees, the

who finished with 66 home runs, but leagues in 1981, signed eight free agents both men shattered Roger Maris's 37year-old record of 61 home runs.

The Yankees face similar questions. tory almost intact, but it's hard to imagine them coming anywhere close to matching last season's 114 regular-season victories Big-market teams such as the Yan- and 11-2 sprint through the postseason.

And there's so much more. Davey Johnson, who has led the New York playoffs, is back in uniform as manager of the Dodgers. He's joined by Kevin Brown, who was lured away from the San Diego Padres with the first \$100 million contract in history. The Anaheim Augels spent \$80 million to sign the first baseman Mo Vaughn away from the Boston Red Sox.

THE ORIOLES and Arizona Diaseven free agents, including the star leftearly questions will deal with expec-tations. Can McGwire and Sammy Sosa \$119 million.

at a total of cost of \$122 million.

The Orioles say the free-agent signings are a temporary measure until several highly regarded youngsters are ready for the major leagues. Whatever the reason, the Orioles will be baseball's our division." oldest team for a second straight season. Their projected Opening Day roster averages nearly 33 years per player, with their catcher, Charles Johnson, 27, the only starter under 30. As spring training begins, 21 members of the projected 25man roster already have celebrated their

30th birthdays. Still, the Orioles are good enough to compete. Their new outfielder, Albert Belle, has hit 213 home runs over the past five seasons — tops in the majors and could challenge McGwire's record in hitter-friendly Oriole Park at Camden Yards. The Orioles also added a reliable mondbacks both went for quick second baseman in Delino DeShields fixes. The Diamondbacks signed and one of the game's best defensive catchers in Johnson.

of concern is the increasing gap between come close to repeating their historic The Orioles, whose farm system Scott Erickson and Juan Guzman don't rich and poor teams. Last season, no home run race of 1998? McGwire won hasn't produced an everyday player do better than last season, when they team with a payroll of less than \$48 the individual competition with Sosa, since Cal Ripken Ir. came to the major combined to go 39-39, it prohably won't combined to go 39-39, it probably won't matter how many home runs Belle hits.

"I like our ballcinb," said the Ori-oles' new general manager, Frank Wren. "I like the way it lays out on paper. We'll get a better sense of it in spring training, but I think we can compete in

One team that probably won't be contending is the Padres, who were dismantled shortly after getting swept by the Yankees in last fall's World Series. The Padres were decimated by freeagent departures: Brown to the Dodgers, center fielder Steve Finley to the Diamondbacks and third baseman Ken Caminiti to the Houston Astros. The outfielder Greg Vaughn was traded to the Reds a year before becoming a free

But the Padres are nothing like the Florida Marlins, who were gutted after winning the World Series in 1997. The Padres wanted to keep Brown and Finley, but they also wanted to get younger and faster. Because they've done a good job But the Orioles will be only as good as in player development, they have young their starting rotation. If Mike Mussina, players ready to challenge for jobs.

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ROME — Fiorentina clearly missed its two top strikers Sunday as it lost, 1-0, at Udinese and surrendered first place in the Italian league to Lazio. Gabriel Bahistnta, the leading scorer in the league, was injured while Edmundo left the team to go home to Rio de

Janeiro for the city's annual carnival.
Roberto Carlos Sosa's goal with 10 minutes left gave Udinese the upset, SOCCER ROUNDUP

dropping the losers behind Lazio, which

moved up even though its nine-game winning streak ended in a 0-0 draw at

Sosa, an Argentine striker, exchanged passes with Tomas Locatelli and fired the return pass under the crossbar to hand Fiorentina its first loss in five

Lazio's league-leading offense was completely shut down by Cagliari. The Roman club was trying to equal the Serie A record of 10 consecutive victories, first set by Juventus in the 1931-32 season and matched just twice since. But the draw was enough to pull Lazio even with Fiorentina on points, and ahead on goal differential. It is the first time Lazio has been atop the Serie Blackburn throughout, but somehow A standings since early in the 1974-75 campaign, a year after the team claimed

its lone league championship. AC Milan stayed on the top pair's heels by edging Venezia, 2-1. Andres Guglielminpietro and Maurizio Ganz

scored for Milan. Inter Milan continued its roller-coaster season, losing, 2-1, at Perugia without Ronaldo or the veteran Roberto Baggio. Both are injured, but Ronaldo took the opportunity to go to Portugal to attend the carnival in Alcobaca.

It was the first game with Perugia for the veteran Yugoslav coach, Vujadin Boskov, who was hired by the team after

Ilario Castagner resigned. Carlo Ancelotti's debut as coach of Juventus was also successful, as the defending league champion beat Pi-acenza, 2-0. Marcello Lippi abruptly

quit as Juve's coach minutes after the team's 4-2 loss on Feb. 7 to AC Roma, which signed its own embattled coach, Zdenek Zeman, to a one-year contract extension last week, beat Samp-

a substitute forward from Brazil. ENGLAND Andy Cole Pulham in the fifth round of the FA Cup

Cole scored in the 26th minute against the second-divison team from western poor conditions. London. After the game, United was paired against Pulham's near neighbor, Chelsea, in the quarterfinals. United is



Giannichedda at Udinese. While Forentina lost, 1-0, in chilly north Italy and gave up first place in the league, its striker Edmundo, below, was taking a break in Rio where he played in a beach 'futvolley' tournament.

Fulham fought hard after Cole's goal, and its fans screamed for a penalty when Dirk Lehmann went down under a chal-

lenge from Gary Neville. But United created more scoring chances.

Blackburn earned itself a replay with a brave defensive performance at New-castle that resulted in a 0-0 draw. Steph-en Glass and Nolberto Solano, Newcastle's two wingers, troubled host

could never produce the killing pass.

In FA Cup games on Saturday,
Roberto di Matteo scored with five minutes to play to give Chelsea a 1-0 victory at Sheffield Wednesday, while Tottenham Hotspur drew, 1-1 at Leeds

It was the first visit to Leeds by George Graham since he left the club late last year to become manager at Tottenham. Tim Sherwood gave Spurs the lead with his first goal since joining the club. Ian Harte replied for Leeds. In the only meeting between two teams from outside the Premier League,

Barnsley beat a fellow first-division team, Bristol Rovers, 4-1. Huddersfield, also of the first division, drew, 2-2, with visiting Derby County.

Everton, which had scored only three

goals in 12 league games this season at home, beat visiting Coventry, 2-1. It was AZ Alkmaar was postponed because the the first time Everton had scored twice at ground was frozen. home against another Premier League team this season.

FRANCE Francis Llacer, the Paris-St. Germain team captain, suffered a frac- Friday. The players are striking over a doria of Genoa, 3-1, thanks to two goals, sured rib and a lung injury, in his team's court ban on lower-division soccer.
In the final six minutes by Paulo Sergio, 2-1 loss at Lens on Saturday.

Judge Victor Perrotta halted a secon

Llacer's injury. The midfielder had security in stadiums. complained before the game about the

first in the Premier League, Chelsea is from Marseille, which played Sunday against Judge Perrotta's ruling.



NETHERLANDS Ajax Amsterdam, the reigning Dutch champion, continued to struggle, losing its first game after the winter break, 2-1, to Twente Enschede

on Sunday Aiax is nine points behind the league leader, Feyenoord. Feyenoord's game at

ARGENTINA Argentine professional players prevented the scheduled start of the national soccer championship on greatest interest in the United States:

collision with Stephane Dalmat of Lens. of continued violence among fans and in this area, which will make the Sydney conditions and probably contributed to ciation of failing to provide necessary

strike as a gesture of solidarity with the be more than 30 minutes away from Sylvain Wiltord, the top scorer in lower-division players. Both the Ar-France, struck twice as Bordeaux beat gentine Football Association and the "Proximity is Bastia, 2-0, and retook the league lead players' union were lodging appeals (Reuters, AP, AFP)

A Sneak Preview for Sydneysiders Olympic Sites Taking Shape as Planning Remains on Schedule

By Christopher Clarey

International Herald Tribune YDNEY -- In the Northern Herni-

winter in history for the International Olympic Committee. But as you stand before the Sydney Opera House on a summer afternoon in the other hemisphere, it is easy to feel warmer about the From here, on Sept. 15 next year, the

world's finest women's triathletes will take the plunge on the opening day of always thought that a park had trees," competition at the 2000 Summer Games, said Sue Graham, director of media serwhich continue until Oct. 1. With the familiar white forms of the Opera House for a backdrop, they will freestyle their way around one of the world's more idyllic harbors as tens of thousands of spectators cheer them from the shore. Most of those spectators will be

Sydneysiders, the name for those who live in this seaport of about 4 million. Bump into a Sydneysider by accident, and the reply will come quickly:
"You're all right, mate." And after several days of contact with Sydney's future
Olympic sites, it is difficult not to return the encouraging words. In the midst of an Olympic bribery scandal, which has turned into a crisis of credibility for the IOC and sparked an independent local investigation of the Sydney bid, this city has continued to prepare for the biggest event in its history. For the moment, the city is on, and, in some cases, ahead of

The new 110,000-seat stadium, the largest used in an Olympics, is essentially completed and will host its first event in March, three months earlier than planned. The Sydney International Acuatics Center, the largest of its kind, has been open since 1994 and already has received 5 million visitors: an appropriately high number in a nation where swimming is a major sport, not a predominantly suburban diversion with

a quadrennial exclamation point. Seventy percent of the competition venues are finished, and 90 percent of the contracts or tenders have been awarded," said Elsie Hasting, a spokes-man for the Olympic Co-Ordination Authority, the governmental agency over-

seeing venue construction.

Most of the new venues, including the Olympic stadium, are in Homebush Bay, which lies about 10 miles (16 kilometers) west of the city center where the Parramatta River begins to widen on its way to the harbor. Fifteen of the 28 Olympic sports will be contested there, including those that generally attract the gymnastics, swimming and diving, bas-ketball and track and field. The main -1 loss at Lens on Saturday.

Judge Victor Perrotta halted a secondLlacer was injured in a crunching division tournament on Feb. 8 because center and Olympic Village will also be

to walk from their housing to their events The soccer players' union called the and no competition venue is expected to "Proximity is one of the advantages

New South Wales state government.

Atlanta represents something of a struction at Homebush Bay. cautionary tale for the Sydney Organ-According to Greenpeace izing Committee for the Olympic sphere, it has been the harshest often went awry in Atlanta in the openbrought drivers to Sydney for early trainno attempt to recreate the tent city that passed for Centennial Park in Atlanta.

"They called it Centennial Park, but I

at the celebrated Bondi Beach and marathoners will as they hustle across the Harbor Bridge. But not all will conform with the positive stereotype of Sydney.
In general, the city center, with its

Atlanta represents a cautionary tale for the Sydney Organizing Committee.

hodgepodge of tall buildings, is not nearly as stirring as its setting, and there is still some truth in the observation from the architect Clough Williams-Ellis about Sydney in the 1950s: "By God, what a site! By man, what a mess! Homebush Bay might sound idyllic but

has long been quite the opposite. Once the home of a large slaughterhouse, it later became a dumping site for industrial waste. When Sydney won the bid, cleanup and redevelopment accelerated, and though fishing remains illegal because of toxins that remain in the bay, the areas where Olympic sports will be contested and the village where Olympic athletes will live have been deemed safe.

The village will be the first Olympic housing project to accommodate all the athletes in one area - except for certain professional sports stars who will inevitably opt for more luxurious private accommodation. Houses in the village will run essentially on solar power, and they have been constructed with an emphasis on eco-friendly materials, including wood from timber companies that follow strict environmental guidelines.

Even before Sydney won the right to host the Olympics, bid officials were billing these as "the Green Games," and Greenpeace, the environmental watchdog organization, helped design the plans for the village and has provided input elsewhere. Visitors to Homebush Bay are shown an abandoned and uninspiring brick pit that has been preserved as a habitat for the endangered green and gold In theory, many athletes will be able in the appropriately named western sub-challenge. The Sydney organizing comefforts to protect rare snails.

Greenpeace and the government coordinating agency over the chemical rewe will have over Atlanta, 's said Michael frigerants that builders plan to use for the drivers with a fine sense of direction, but Knight, the minister of Olympics for the air-conditioning system in the 20,000- it did have 250 million Americans for a seat SuperDome, which is under con-target audience.

According to Greenpeace, the chemical HCFC 123, which is to be used by the Games. Because of the bus system that builders, is an ozone-depleting substance. Greenpeace proposes an ammonia-based ing days, the committee already has system. The government coordination agency has rejected that suggestion and ing and each driver will be responsible says the ozone risk with its system is for no more than two routes. There also minimal and that it is safer than an amwill be strict limits on street vendors and monia-based approach. That prompted lawyers for Greenpeace to file suit in Australian federal court in December.

But even Michael Bland, Greenpeace's Olympics campaign coordinatvices for the organizing committee.

Sydney will be easier on the public eye, particularly when its athletes have the refrigerants," Bland said. "If we get that resolved, we will have to give them or, concedes that there is more good

There would still be other rubbing points, however. Bondi Beach residents are none too delighted at the prospect of their beloved stretch of sand being blocked off for weeks by a beach vol-leyball stadium. If southerly winds blow in cold Antarctic air, the beach volleyballers will be none too delighted, either.

There are serious concerns about the utility and profitability of the massive and evocative Olympic Stadium, which will be reduced to a capacity of 80,000 after the Games but could still have difficulty filling that many seats on a τegular basis.

When the private consortium that financed the bulk of the stadium's \$440 million cost attempted to sell shares in the project to the public in 1997, the offering was 69 percent undersubscribed. And that is not the only Olympic-linked fund-raiser to flop here: the sale of Olympic license plates and souvenirs also has lagged badly, as has the sale of memberships in an Olympic Club, which offers Olympic paraphernalia and other perquisites. There is also concern about traffic

jams in a sprawling city linked by relatively narrow roads and about ped-estrian traffic flow at Homebush Bay, where as many as 400,000 people could crowd onto the site during the second weekend when swimming and track and field will be running concurrently. "The operations and logistical guys

are spending a lot of time on that one," said Greg Thomas, an organizing committee spokesman. It remains unclear what impact the IOC

corruption scandal will have on local enthusiasm. The story has received massive media coverage here, and an independent inquiry into the Sydney bid has been launched by Knight in an attempt to address public and sponsor concern. Sydney's Olympic organizing committee is still about \$145 million short of its sponsorship targets and more revelations could potentially affect ticket sales. Even in the most sanguine of times,

urb of Horsley Park are informed of mittee has 4 million individual tickets to sell in a country that, for all its love of But there has been friction between sport, only has 18.3 million inhabitants. Atlanta might not have had a striking

opera house with an ocean view or bus

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BATURDAY RESULTS MEN **TOP 25** No. 1. Dwise (25-1) def. Woise Forest 102-71. No. 2. Corm. (22-1) def. Seion Hall 53-48. No. 3. Asburn (24-1) def. Alabarno 102-61. No. 5. Mol. 32. (22-4) def. No. 22 Mino. (Mar 94-82. No. 4. Staniard (29-5) lost to S. Colif. 26-22. OT. No. 7. Mol. (22-4) def. No. 12 M.C. (19-7) 81-64. No. 7, Mel. (22-4) def. No. 12 No. 1 (19-7) 31-64. No. 9, Excitactly (28-4) def. S.C. 74-40. No. 9, UCLA (17-7) lost to Cofficiente 85-67. No. 10. Artzonel (18-4) def. LSU 78-72. No. 11. St. Johans 198-9) def. Viltorova 82-75. No. 12. Chile 32 (19-4) def. No. 19 losso (14-7) 73-69. No. 14. Urian (20-4) def. Howell 82-55. No. 15. Wisconsin (21-5) def. Pern St. 73-63. No. 16. Mismai (17-5) def. Providence 69-65. No. 16. Mismai (17-5) def. Providence 69-65. and (19-8) def. NW.69-62 OT. No. 17-1908808 (19-4) der. Nr. 19-20 (1. NR. 26. Chal-tenoogs 59-52. No. 21, Purdue (19-7) der. Minole 63-56. No. 22. Florida (17-6) der. Georgie 75-64. No. 24. Kusses (16-6) der Tex. Tech 90-84. No. 25. N. Mats. (29-6) der. Fresno St. 83-51.

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(lanney, Richter) (pp), 2 Nastwille, Ronning
14 (Bordelent, Heward) Second Period:
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Pellerie) Second Period: E-Smyth 8
(McAsmond, Hamerik) (pp), Third Period:
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(Bordeleou, Walker) Second Period: None. Third Period: Mashville, Ronning 15 (Johnson, Kjellberg) Overline: S. P-Miller 12

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First Period: V-Mopiliny 6 (Gagner, McCobe) 2. B-Carrier 8 (Louisonea, Bourque) (pp). Second Period: V-Bertuzzi 8 (Ohlund). Teird Period: V-Scatchard 10 CRICKET

Australia: 272-5 in 50 overs.

Pokiston: 247-9 dec. and 295-7 dec. HTW ZIALAND ACADEMY XI VS.

NEW ZEALAND YS. SOUTH AFRICA FIRST ONE DAY INTERNATIONAL New Zeoland: 215-7 in 49.1 overs New Zeoland: won by three wickets.

SATURDAY IN ALEXANDRA, NEW ZEALAND

DUBAI DESERT CLASSIC

70-70-70-72-282 68-70-70-74-282 70-70-72-70-282 73-67-70-73-283

Wayne Rilay. Aus.
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Aliguel A. Jimenez, Sp.
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73-49-70-71-283
70-70-72-71-283 **AUSTRALIAN MASTERS**

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Craig Spence, Aus.
Greg Norman, Aus.
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Craig Parry, Aus.
Rabin Byrd. U.S.
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WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS FRIDAY IN VAIL, COLO.

seconds. 2. Pennilla Wiberg, Sweden, 1:34.77, 3. Trine Bakite, Norway, 1:35.00, 4. Andrine Flemaner, Norway, 1:35.06, 5. Ritho Pilitainer, Finland, 1:35.12, 6. Kusin Koellerer, Austria, 1:35.22, 7. Urska Hrevat Slovenia, 1:35.23.

SOCCER Monchester United 1, Fulhom 0
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ENGLISH PREMIER LEAGO Charles 1. Liverpool 0 West Hom 2. Nothinghom Forest 1 **DUTCH Filest DIVISION**Sporte Rotlerdom Q, Utrects 1
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AS Roma 3, Sampdoria 1 Udinese 1, Fiorentina 0 STANDINGOS: Luzio 42 points: Fiorentino
42; Mijon 40; Pormo 37; Inter Milon 34; Udineos 31; Roma 31; Inventus 36; Bologno 26;
Bent 26; Cogifart 25; Perugia 25; Venezia 25;
Viceroz 26; Piocassa 19; Solumitana 19;
Sampdota 17; Empoli 15. spanitkii Fikšī bivisioni Valiadoki 2, Čela Vige 1 Barcelono 3, Real Madrid 0 Athletic Biboo 0, Extrematera 0

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stransmenses Bercelona 42 points; Mailorca 38: Celfa Vigo 37; Valencia 37; Red
Madrid 37; Deportivo Caruna 37; Athletic Bilboo 34; Atletico Madrid 32; Ovieto 31; Raal
Bella 71; Real Sociedad 30; Espanyol 30; Real
Zarageza 31; Racing Sontender 26; Villareal
24; Volladolid 23; Tonerila 19; Solamanca 19;
Alaves 18; Externation 18.

and Sochoux vs. Le Havre were postponed ASIAN CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

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> TENNIS DAVIS CUP PIRST ROUND LINERICAN ZONE CEROUP CHE bia 3, Canada 1

GROUP ONE Uzbekistan 4. Pakistan 1 Coder & Indenesia S es 3. Taiwan 2 FURO-AFRICAN ZONE

Ukraine 2 Belarus 3

NOKIA CEP BI PROGREJOV, CZECH REPUBLIC SENTRALS SIVID Fortna (3), Italy, del. Alexia Dechaume-Ballerst, Franco. 6-3, 6-3. Hernieta Nagyova (4), Slovakia, del. Amanda Hopmans, Netherlands, 6-3, 6-3. FRAL Nogyova del. Farina 7-6 (7-2), 6-4. BY DUSAL UNITED ARAS EMPLOYES

ralle. 6-3. 7-6 (8-6). ne Galmard, France, del. Maya 4-6, 7-FINAL Golmand del. Kleter 6-4, 6-2.

ST. PETERSBURG OPEN
BY ST. PETERSBURG, RUSSIA
SEMPRALS
David Princel, Cembary, del. Jan
Slemerini, (1), Netherlands, 6-4, 6-2.
More Rosset (2), Switzerland, def, Marct
Scain (4), Russia, 6-3, 6-2. Doubles FRAL Rosset def. Prinosă 6-3, 6-4.

OHARTERPHALS
Michael Chang (4), U.S., def. Christian
Raud, Norway, 6-1, 7-5.
Cacil Mamit, U.S., def. Mark Woodfords,
Austrolia, 7-6 (7-5), 4-6, 6-3.
Pete Samprus (1), U.S., def. Bernd Kurbucher, Germany, 7-5, 6-3.
Mark Philipspusche (7), Austrolia, rief

TRANSITIONS

TORONTO—Agreed to terms with 18 Corlos
Delgada, INF Kevin Wilt, OF Ryon Freel,
RHP Tom Davey, RHP Gary Gloves, HPPeter Munns, RHP Leanded Estrello and LHP
John Bale on 1-year contracts, Released OFPorticle Leanders

NATIONAL LEAGUE
ST. LOUIS—Agreed to terms with SS Edgar
Renterts on 1-year controct.
SAN DISSO—Agrounced that Garth Brooks
will attend spring training as non-roster invitice.

RASKETBALL
RETTONAL BASKETBALL ASSI
AT LANTA—Activated F-C Scot F

CAROLINA—Signed LB Steve Towar and LB ouchs cooch.

CLEVELAND—Acquired DE Roy Barker
and TE Iry Smith from Son Francisco for post GREEN BAY—Signed T Sontono Dotson

on the General Republic Controls and DE Christopher Reed.
RIGHAMAPOLIS—Resigned RB Keith Elios.
Signed RB Romdy Klader and DL Shawn King.
LACKSONVILLE—Signed DT Gary Walker. Signed S Cornell Lake.

MUANI—Re-signed LB Zach Thomas to 5year contract. Acquired RN Tyrone Wheatley
from N.Y. Glants for 1999 7th-reund draft ick. M.Y.JETS—Agreed to learns with P Tom Topa. PHILADELPHIA—Released WR Jeff Gra-

SEATTLE—Named Gary Reynolds assist-ant to general manager. Released QB Warren Moon, QB John Friesz. RB Steve Broussard Moon, with John Fire Se I am a more and DT Dom Saleoumura.

TAMPA BAY—Designated DE Chief Ahanphu as team's irranchise player. Released K.
Michael Husted, S Charles Mincy, FB
Lorenzo Neal and CB Anthony Parker.

THE MEM

NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE

MHL-Suspended Sort Jose F Brentt

Myhres for 12 games for leaving beach to
cont a fight with Mutities Noistann of Los
Angelos in Feb. 6 game.

BOSTOM—Recalled C Mutities Timonder
from Providence, AHL Re-casigned D Shone
Felter to Cessmitts. FCHI. Better to Greenville, ECHL BUFFALO—Recalled LW Randy Cunney-worth and D Cory Sprich from Rochester. CALGARY-Reculled D Chris OSuffivon

from Saint John AHL. Florida—Put RW Dino Ciccorell on injured reserve. Recoiled F Chris Wells and L.W Peter Worrell from New Hoven, AHL MASKYTLE—Recoiled D Rob Zettler from Utah. IHL, and D Korils Skrasfins from Milwavkee IHL
MY, RANGERS—Traded C Sean Pronger to
Los Angeles for LW Eric Lacrob.

PHLADELPHIS—Announced retirement of
D John Stevens and that he will become an

gasaster cook with Pragosphita Art.
PITTSBURGH—Toda (LW Seen O'Blifen to
Philadelphia for future considerations. Re-called G Jean-Sebastien Aubin from Kansos City. IHL.
str. Louis—Recalled D Rony Fitzpatrick and F Jamal Mayers from Worcester, AHL Ac-quired D Jelf Finley and D Goolf Smith from N.Y. Rangers for future considerations, VANCOUVER—Re-assigned G Tim Keyes to

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an injury waiver, giving him on extra year of eligibility. EASTERN SLLINOIS—Announced realgan-tion of John Klein, women's basikaticali coach.

On St. Valentine's Day, Barcelona Massacres Real Madrid

Indoor Record Falls

World Roundup

ATHLETICS Haile Gebrselassie of Ethiopin broke the world indoor 5,000 meters record Sunday in Birmingham, England. Gebr-selassie, the world and Olympic 10,000 meters champion, ran an unofficial 12 minutes, 50.38 seconds to beat the 12:51.48 set by Daniel Komen of Kenya in Stock-

holm nearly a year ago. (Reuters)
• Gert Thys of South Africa ran the second-fastest marathon in history, winning the Tokyo Interna-tional Marathon in 2 hours, 6 minutes, 33 seconds Sunday.

His time was 28 seconds off the world best set by Ronaldo da Costa of Brazil in Berlin in September. Hiroshi Miki of Japan finished second at 2:08:05, followed by a Shimizu, at compatriot, Koji

Gordon Wins Daytona

MOTOR RACING Jeff Gordon won a thrilling, last-lap shootout with Dale Earnhardt on Sunday for his second victory in the Daytona 500, the premier race on the Nascar

Rosset Wins in Russia

TEMNIS Marc Rosset beat David Prinosil, 6-3, 6-4, in the final of the St. Petersburg Open in Russia on (Reuters)

• In a final between two unseeded players, Jerome Golmard of France beat Nicolas Kiefer of Germany, 6-4, 6-2, Sunday to win the Dubai Open.

• In San Jose, California, Pete Sampras withdrew from the Sybase Open before the semifinal Saturday against Mark Philippoussis, the No. 3 seed, because of an injury. Cecil Mamiit, a qualifier, beat Michael Chang, the No. 4 seed, 3-6, 6-3, 6-4, Saturday to reach the final. (AP)

Howell Strikes it Rich

GOLF David Howell of England earned the biggest paycheck of his career with a four-stroke victory in the Dubai Classic on Sunday. Howell began the round tied for first with Wayne Riley but pulled away with a five-under 67. Lee Westwood was second after a closing

 Tiger Woods rallied from nine strokes back with a course record 10-under-par 62 at Torrey Pines in San Diego, California, on Saturday to lead the Buick Invitational (AP)

De La Hoya Beats Quartey

BOXING Oscar De La Hoya beat Ike Quartey in a split decision after a ferocious World Boxing Council welterweight title fight Saturday in Las Vegas. De La Hoya, an American, knocked the Ghanaian down early in the final round. Quartey got up and refused to go down again as De La Hoya landed 17 punches. Both men had started the night un-

Luis Enrique **Hits 2 Headers** In 3-0 Victory

Reuters
BARCELONA — Luis Enrique
scored twice in the first half and Rivaldo added a late goal as Barcelona rolled to a 3-0 victory over a 10-man Real Madrid team Sunday in a lopsided matchup be-tween the traditional Spanish archivals.

Barcelona's ninth straight victory gave it a bit more breathing room atop the Spanish first division. It leads Mallorca by five points.
For Real Madrid, whose play has been

so sporty that the team was booed even as it beat Valladolid on Feb. 7, the loss

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prolonged a 15-year drought in which it has failed to beat Barcelona at the latter's cavernous Camp Nou stadium. Real Madrid dropped to fourth place, six points behind Barcelona.

Barcelona dominated throughout the game, grabbing a 2-0 lead after just 36 minutes thanks to two headers by Luis Enrique. His first came in the fifth minute on a centering pass from Patrick Kluivert. Rivaldo added a third goal in

the 81st minute on a left-footed kick as he was falling down. Ivan Campo, a Real defender, was draped all over him.

Real Madrid played most of the game with 10 men after Roberto Carlos drew a red card in the 20th minute for a rough tackle on Luis Figo. Madrid had numerous chances to score but squandered them all, not even managing a serious shot on goal until the 31st minute when

Predrag Mijatovic tried a slow, angled shot from near the right sideline. Kluivert also wasted an excellent chance to score in the 34th minute for Barcelona. He recovered a loose ball right in front of the Madrid goalie, Pedro

Contreras, but kicked wide to the left. Luis Enrique's second goal was in the 36th minute, this time after a nice arcing pass from the team captain, Josep Guar-



Clarence Seedorf, left, a Real Madrid midfielder, stretching to tackle Rivaldo, a Barcelona attacker, on Sunday.

Ruud Hesp, the Barcelona goalkeeper, made four outstanding saves. The first came in the 38th minute as he fell looked like a sure goal by Raul Gonza-

Real Madrid seemed to come out stronger in the second half. But its most blatant blown opportunity was one in which Raul practically missed the ball as after 18 minutes. he tried to kick it in just a few yards from

the Barcelona goal.

Elsewhere, Celta Vigo lost, 2-1, at Valladolid, with Jose Luis Carninero giving Valladolid the initial lead. Haim Revivo then leveled for Celta after an hour's play, but Alberto Lopez scored the winner in the 78th minute.

first came in the 38th minute as he fell for struggling Real Betis, saving a point backward and reached up to stop what for the Seville-based team with his 65thminute strike that earned a 1-1 draw against Santander. In August 1997, Betis paid a \$35 million transfer fee to Sao Paulo for the rights to Denilson. Pedro

> Atletico de Madrid fired its coach, team's general manager, was to be announced officially on Monday, the national news agency EFE reported.

> Alvarez Munitis put Santander in front

The most expensive player in the world, Denilson of Brazil, hit a rare goal months of a contract that ran through June 2000. Atletico fell to ninth in the league after losing, 2-1, to Espanyol of

Barcelona on Saturday. Sacchi is the sixth coach to be fired in the Spanish league this seasonaters, AP)

■ Bebeto Scores His 500th Goal

Bebeto, a member of Brazil's 1994 and 1998 World Cup final teams, scored Arrigo Sacchi, on Sunday, a day after the the 500th goal of his career for Botafogo team suffered its fourth straight loss. The against Corinthians in the Rio-Sao Panlo decision by Miguel Angel Gil Marin, the tournament, Agence France-Presse reported from Rio de Janeiro.

Bebeto scored after 31 minutes of the first half Saturday, leveling the match at The former coach of AC Milan and 1-1. Corinthians went on to win, 3-2.

Arsenal Offers Replay After Cup Incident

LONDON -- In an unprecedented move. Arsenal has offered to replay a match that it won because two of its players broke one of soccer's unwritten codes of conduct.

Arsenal, of the English Premier League, beat Sheffield United, of the first division, 2-1, Saturday in an English FA Cup match. But after the game, Arsene Wenger, the Arsenal coach, said that the winning goal, scored by Marc Overmars, was "sport-wise not right." Wenger offered Sheffield United the

opportunity to replay the match. Following the swift agreement of the FA.

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the governing body of English soccer, the offer was gratefully accepted and the two teams will meet again at Arsenal's

stadium in north London on Feb. 23.
With the score locked at 1-1, Lee Morris of Sheffield United was tackled near the Arsenal goal -As United's claims for a penalty went unanswered, one of its players kicked the ball out of play so that Morris, who was injured. could receive treatment.

The convention is that at the subsequent throw-in, the ball is returned immediately to the team that put it out. But Nwankwo Kanu, a Nigerian international who was making his team debut for Arsenal after a £4.5 million (\$7.4 million) transfer from Inter Milan, intercepted Ray Parlour's throw toward United's goalkeeper

Kanu crossed the ball to Overmars. a Dutchman, who scored unchallenged. Philip Don, the Premier League referees' spokesman, was unhappy with the

decision to replay the game.
"Whatever one may think about the rights and wrongs of what happened, no laws were broken when the goal was

Finn and Australian Gain Surprise Slalom Golds

VAIL, Colorado — Kalle Palander, a Finn, won the slalom at the World Alpine Skiing Championships on Sun-day, breaking the Austrian-Norwegian stranglehold on men's gold medals on

the final day of the competition.

Palander, seventh after the first leg, was fastest in the second leg to win in 1 Mayer of Austria was third in 1:42,25. the championships. Norwegians won

tralia upset the favorites in the women's taking the bronze in the slalom. slalom. She was almost a full second

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When Steggall accepted her medal, minute, 41.12 seconds. Lasse Kjus of albeit to the wrong national anthem, it Norway earned his third silver of the marked another in a growing list of firsts championships in 1:42.23, and Christian for Australia's first family of winter sports. Last year, the 24-year-old be- Hemisphere; it's very tough." Austrians won a total of 13 medals at came the first Australian woman to win a World Cup race, then 10 weeks later in Nagano, Japan, she claimed Australia's On Saturday, Zali Steggall of Aus- first Alpine skiing Olympic medal by

Steggall's brother Zeke won the gold

clear of Pernilla Wiberg of Sweden to in the boardercross event at the snowbecome the first skier from Australia to board world championships in Bercht-

Wiberg at 1:34.77 and Bakke at were hitting the beach. Each year she 1:35.00. returns to Sydney just as the Southern

> "I've had 20 winters in a row, 10 years without a summer," Steggall said. "It's hard, coming from the Southern

> Having struggled through a difficult World Cup campaign that had gone steadily downhill since a second-place finish at Mammoth Mountain, Steggall returned recently to Sydney to recharge

"I went back to the beach, saw my

boyfriend around for support."

On Friday, Kjus won the giant slalom le for his fourth medal of the championships as Austria's Olympic champion Hermann Maier slid out

The Norwegian put in easily the fastest second run of the day to beat Liechtenstein's Marco Buechel by a knife's-

Buechel led Kjuss by a quarter of a second after the first run.



Steve Locher, a Swiss, finished an Zali Steggall celebrating her victory unexpected third. (Reuters, AFP, AP) in the world slalom championship.



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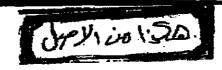
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